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PROPOSALS.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed proposals will be received until Wednesday, Aug. 13, at 12 m., for the erection of a brick engine-house and foundations for machinery in the Yard of the C., C. & St. L. Railway Co., corner Carroll and Halsted-sts., in the corporate limits of the city of Chicago. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the undersigned, at the corner of Carroll and Clinton-sts., where proposals will be received. Bidders are invited to call and examine the plans before making their bids. For plans and specifications apply to E. D. Hartzik, Assistant Engineer, at the above named office.

M. E. BECKER,
Chief Engineer C., C. & St. L. Railway.

WASHINGTON.

Congress to Be Called Upon to Define the Status of the Indian.

The Decision Relative to the Osage Lands Declared to Be Final.

Scheme to Secure All Lands of Peaceful Tribes in the Indian Territory.

Porto Rican Emancipation Brought About by American Influence.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS MAILS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The Post-Office Department will soon provide carriers for the three new local Post-Office stations that have been established at St. Louis. A temporary arrangement will be made whereby three wagons will be furnished for transportation until the regular advertisement can be published and bids for the service received.

A BROKEN MAIL CONTRACT.

A difficulty has arisen between the Post-Office Department and the McMinnville & Lancaster Railroad, in Tennessee, which has resulted in the throwing off of the mails by that road. This road is one of the many Southern roads which the Government put in operation subsequent to the war, and supplied with rolling-stock. When the corporation resumed control of the road, a few years since, they contracted with the Government to pay for the rolling-stock with mail pay as it should become due, and agreed that the Government should retain this mail pay and apply it on the debt. This has been done since. Recently the railroad has changed hands, and the new owners of the stock, having the idea that they can repudiate the charter contract entered into by the former proprietors, notified the Government recently that, unless the mail pay was paid over to them directly instead of being retained in the Treasury to the credit of the Quartermaster-General, on account of the rolling-stock, the road would decline to carry the mails. The Post-Office Department has refused to entertain this proposition, and consequently, a few days since, the railroad threw off the mails. The Government has been obliged to find some different mode of transportation, and, while the railroad has not paid for its rolling-stock, it refuses to carry the mails. It is not unlikely that this case will come before the Senate Select Committee on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard as an element to be considered in the solution of the problem of the relation of the railroads to the Government.

LEGAL STATUS OF THE INDIANS.

So many questions relating to the conflict of jurisdiction between the Federal and the State authorities upon the subject of the Indians have been raised in connection with the Modocs and the other tribes, that the Indian Bureau is of the opinion that the next Congress will be called upon to give a more exact definition to the legal status of the Indians, that their disposition in cases of criminal and other offenses may not henceforth be in doubt.

THE OSAGE LANDS.

The question having recently been raised whether the Interior Department would reconsider the decision by which it took 100,000 acres of improved lands in Southern Kansas from bona fide settlers, and gave them to a railroad company, the Secretary states that the decision of the Department is final in this respect, and that, in his judgement, the right of the railroad to the land is beyond dispute. Representations made by the settlers which have reached here, indicate that this decision is the forerunner of general scheme which, in the form of a bill for the establishment of the Oklahama Territory, is designed to seize all the lands of the peaceful Indians in the Indian Territory to open them up to settlement. The tribes whose lands are embraced in the scheme are the Cherokees, Creeks, Seminoles, Chickasaws, and the Choctaws. It is known that the supporters of the Oklahama bill and other similar bills for the opening of the Indian Territory and the violation of the treaty rights have organized a combination to effect this purpose. Harlan's *Chronicle*, in this city, has already begun a very active agitation for the proposition.

THE HIGH TARIFF MEN TREMBLE.

A recent letter from a prominent Pennsylvania protectionist, received here, shows that the tariff men are expecting a severe contest next winter, and doubt their ability to maintain their ground. The recent exportation of iron from this country to England and Canada, much of which has been reimported from Chicago, is a phenomenon which causes them annoyance, and numerous inquiries are raised as to the explanation of these exportations.

PORTO RICAN EMANCIPATION.

The passage of the bill which was recently enacted by the Spanish Cortes, in reference to slavery in Porto Rico, is known to have been effected largely through the instrumentality, if not the threats, of our Minister at Madrid. It is even understood that it was plainly intimated in the Cortes that, unless Spain now, in the hour of her extremity, should keep her faith with the United States, it might be considered that the day of free Cuba had arrived.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU ACCOUNTS.

The Freedmen's Bureau investigation is developing the fact that the regular accounts are, in some cases, in as much doubt as the irregular ones.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

REINFORCEMENT FOR OUR EUROPEAN SQUADRON.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The steamer Monongahela will sail about the 25th instant, to reinforce the American fleet in Spanish waters.

Drowned.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JOLIET, Ill., Aug. 11.—Yesterday afternoon, about 4 o'clock, A. M. Thomas was drowned in Hickory creek, about three miles south of Wilmington. The deceased lived in Braidwood, and was 18 years old. He went to the creek in company with a party of friends, and, after shooting at a mark for several hours, went in bathing. In diving he met his death. An inquest was held to-day, and his remains were buried at Braidwood Cemetery.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 11.—Frank Knoulf, aged 14, was drowned in Coon River, eight miles from this city, on Saturday. The body was recovered on Sunday.

Cold-Blooded Murder.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 11.—Further information respecting the murder of Michael A. Yadisowitz, on Main street, last night, shows that Michael Daley and Michael Finy were the murderers. The murder was wholly unprovoked. One of the men seized Yadisowitz as he was walking quietly down the street, and held him while the other beat him in the ribs and sides with large rocks, one of which he held in each hand. When Yadisowitz finally released himself from the grasp of his assailants, he fell to the ground, blood flowing from nose, mouth, and ears. He died in two hours. Daley and Finey are men of bad repute, and had been engaged in several disturbances during the day. Both have been arrested.

Arkansas Items.

LITTLE ROCK, Aug. 11.—Richard Stevens (colored) sentenced to three years in the Penitentiary by the Phillip County Circuit Court, was pardoned by the Governor to-day.

A young lady was rescued from a watery grave by a gallant young man at the wharf this morning. She fell overboard from a skiff.

Wesley Lisery (colored) was shot and accidentally killed below here Sunday.

The Political Troubles Among the Cherokees.

PARSONS, Kan., Aug. 11.—A dispatch from the Indian country says the Downing-Ross party have beaten the reformers, but Bell has obtained letters written by Ross and Jones to Washington, showing treachery to the principles of the party. The full-bloods are said to be indignant, and it is said that Ross and Jones must go to the brush to save their lives. It is also asserted that the death sentence has been passed by certain Indians upon Col. Boudini, Jos. Bull and others of the progressive and Reform party. There is no question but anarchy and crime is largely on the increase, and many of the best men in the locality begin to believe that the only safety line is a strong territorial form of government under this protection of the United States.

THE POTOMAC DISASTER.

Heartrending Scenes—Unfortunate Panic of the Colored Passengers—Bodies of Victims Rifled by White and Colored Stragglers—Sixty-seven Bodies Recovered.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The Treasury has appointed a Board to examine into the Wawasset disaster. The additional details, which are constantly received, confirm the statements concerning the extraordinary loss of life, and the criminal carelessness, which have been published. A Treasury official reports that he will file information against two additional vessels on Lake Michigan, which have been detected in and carrying giant powder.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The Washington *Star's* special correspondent at Chatterton's Landing, Va., the scene of the Wawasset disaster, gives the account of his trip from here to that point. His report says that a boatman living on the line of the river says the screams of women and children could be heard for miles. On the way up to Chatterton several bodies of colored men and were passed, which had been dragged ashore the night before.

Miss McPherson, a passenger, describes the scene of the burning boat as most terrible to witness. The flames burst out all around, and swept aft, driving women and children over into the water. She saw four little children hanging on by their hands to the burning steamer, and one after the other drop into the water, the flames driving them off. The colored people were perfectly wild, and no remonstrances on the part of the officers were heeded. They jumped into the boat, piling it full, and declared that it was the colored people's boat, refusing all whites admission. When it went down, all were dumped into the water together, and many others followed, being pushed overboard.

The flames burst into the main-deck, setting fire to the clothing of women and children who were hoping for some relief but no one could past the gangway for the flames.

One of the worst features among the shore-scenes, yesterday, was the disposition among both white and colored stragglers to plunder and rob the dead. Several instances of this kind were noticed, but could not be prevented by McClelland, who alone was authorized to take charge of the valuables found. Owing to the long extent of the shore, many of the bodies could not be reached by him until they had been rifled, and the guilty parties had escaped.

Hiram Smith, a colored man, states that he was present and witnessed the loss of the boat. As soon as she was lowered to the main deck, the colored men took possession of her by force, and no threats or persuasions of the officers could prevent them. The boat was heaped full of baggage and men, and he saw a yellow man cut the bow-rope, when she fell headlong down with such force as to tear out the stern, because of the davit holding at that end, and all in her sunk.

The Supervising Inspector of Steamboats will commence on Wednesday a full investigation into the burning of the Wawasset, on the Potomac. The number of bodies already recovered is sixty-seven.

THE MANITOBAN MUDDLE.

Our Government to Apply for the Release of the Minnesota Prisoners—Gordon Again on the Wing, Leaving His Counsel to Whistle for His Fees.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 11.—Mayor Brackett, of Minneapolis, and Gov. Austin arrived here this morning from Long Branch, where they went to intercede with the President to intervene in behalf of the Manitoba prisoners. Both these gentlemen seem to be satisfied with the President's determination to have the matter speedily settled. All the facts are now before the State Department, and a representation of them has been made to Minister Thornton, who in turn has advised with the authorities at Ottawa. Mayor Brackett left for Ottawa this evening, where he expects to meet Sir John Macdonald on the 13th inst., for whose action the matter now awaits.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Gov. Austin and Mayor Brackett, of Minneapolis, have had two interviews at Long Branch with the President regarding the Manitoba affair, and explained the whole matter from beginning to end, dwelling especially on the cruelty with which the prisoners are treated by the Manitoban authorities. They also sought to impress upon the President the necessity for speedy action, as they feared that the people in Minnesota, unless something was done at once, would take the settlement of the case in their own hands. The President, according to a dispatch, gave the Governor and Mayor to understand that unless the matter was disposed of within a reasonable time, a demand, in unmistakable terms, would be made on the British Government, and that would be followed by further action. The President then asked the Governor and Mayor to reduce their statements to writing, which they did, and the paper was forwarded to Secretary Fish, who will be visited to-day by its authors.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Gov. Austin and the Mayor of Minneapolis to-day had another interview with Secretary Fish relative to the Manitoban difficulty. All that the President said to them was that the subject should receive the prompt attention of the Government and would see the rights of American citizens protected, and that it was too early to give a more definite assurance. The Secretary of State was charged with the conduct of such affairs, and would doubtless place him in possession of all the facts at the earliest moment. Gov. Austin on being interrogated by private parties, was reluctant to talk on the subject. It can be stated that the matter has not assumed a diplomatic form, although Sir Edward Thornton and Secretary Fish have had several interviews concerning it. The proceedings now in progress are of a judicial character and do not justify diplomatic intervention.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 11.—A *Tribune* special, yesterday, from Fort Garry, says: The other evening Cornish, Lord Gordon's counsel, accompanied by other gentlemen, waited upon His Lordship regarding his pecuniary matters. The latter demanded their reason for so untimely a visit, and, after an explanation, he became engaged in an excited altercation with his counsel, each expressing his opinion of the other, which, to say the least, was not flattering to either. His Lordship shortly called his servant to advise Mr. Cornish to make his exit. The latter heeded the advice, but called again the next morning to renew his claim for some security for his anticipated fee as counsel, but found his bird had flown. Upon inquiry he found that Gordon was well on his way to the Rocky Mountains. A party arriving from the West, to-day, reports having seen the pretty bird 200 miles westward.

United States Consul Taylor was serenaded on Friday by the military band at Fort Garry, and three cheers were given by those assembled. The Consul responded in a brief speech.

In the decoration of the Court-House for a bazaar, in a spirit of courtesy to the American citizens, the Stars and Stripes were suspended side by side with the British flag. Upon the entrance of Attorney General Clarke, beholding the terrible disgrace of the emblem of his adoration, in virtuous indignation he ordered the ladies in charge to "haul down that flag." No one obeyed his command, and he retired with his feathers drooping.

The Sheriff will not allow the wives of the American prisoners to visit their husbands but twice during the week.

The Crops.

YORKVILLE, Kendall Co., Aug. 11.—The season has been favorable for crops in this county. Farmers report wheat fair, oats good, corn crop large, though not so many acres as last year; hay heavy, early fruits light, though late fruits will be as good as heretofore.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 11.—Apprehensions are felt of the entire failure of the corn crop throughout this section, on account of want of rain.

Salt Lake Matters.

SALT LAKE, Aug. 11.—On Saturday, Mr. Snow, Territorial Attorney-General, moved Judge Emerson for an order of the Court for a Grand Jury for the September term. Judge Emerson asked United States Attorney Curry if he wanted a Grand Jury. The latter replied that, as the Territorial Court had already intimated that no jury could be legally impaneled under the existing laws, he did not wish to go through the farce of criminal examination or trial, to have it set aside immediately thereafter. The Court then held that the Territorial Legislature had taken the subject from the Court.

On the question of the jurisdiction of the Court in the Webb-Young divorce case, the Court reserved its decision.

Gen. Ord is here on an inspecting tour. He proceeds to Denver.

FIRES.

Property Destroyed in St. Louis, Minneapolis, Champaign, Ill., and Elsewhere.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 10.—A fire in J. Dean & Co.'s lumber-yard, last night, occasioned a loss of $1,000.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon, a fire destroyed 2,750,000 feet of lumber in W. S. Judd's yard, with a stable and contents adjoining the yard, several dwellings, Higgins' cooper-shop, warehouse, and stock of tools. Total losses about $100,000; Judd's, $75,000. Light insurances on all. It was the most disastrous fire this city has seen since 1865, and the heaviest loss that has ever occurred to one man here. Much of Judd's lumber was clear and upper quality.

Insured $3,000 in the Imperial, of London, $2,000 in the St. Joseph, Mo., and $2,500 each in the Black River, of New York, New Orleans Mutual, Franklin, of Philadelphia, Fireman's Fund, of San Francisco, and Traders', of Chicago. Eight buildings were burned, and a barn owned by W. E. Jones; loss, $1,000; not insured. Widow Whitney's house, loss $700; insurance, $300. Nils Toberg's boarding-house, loss, $1,600; insured, $1,100 in the Imperial, of London. A person escaping from Dean's yard when the fire broke out, thinks there is no doubt that both yards were set on fire, but there is no clue to the incendiary.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 11.—Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the large two-story building at the northeast corner of Washington avenue and Sixth street, formerly known as "The State Tobacco House," but for a long time past occupied by a number of small shops. The losers are Flesh & Moak and McGinnis & Bolton, painters; John T. Scott, auctioneer; John McMahon and Norris & Bro., plumbers; John Boony, saloon; J. Valentine and Morehouse & Co., spring bed and mattress makers; Charles Lendenberg, wire-work and bird-dealer, and E. A. Steele. The latter occupied almost the entire second story as a furniture-dealer, and had a considerable quantity of furniture in store for other persons. The loss is estimated at from $20,000 to $30,000. The insurance is not yet ascertained. The New Lindell Hotel, in process of construction on Sixth street, opposite, was not harmed, the wind blowing the flames in an opposite direction.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Aug. 11.—About 3 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered blazing up through a small stable in the rear of Capt. Davidson's large livery-stable. The flames spread rapidly to the livery-stable and the merchant-tailoring establishment of William Bowen, on Walnut street, destroying them in a few minutes. The horses and most of the carriages, etc., in the livery-stable were saved, but in the building in which the fire originated three horses were burned to death. The Fire Department, by the most heroic efforts, saved the large brick block on Main street from destruction. The total loss is about $6,000, partially insured. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

AURORA, Ill., Aug. 11.—The residence of Jacob Baeza, in this city, was partially destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The loss is $1,500. Covered by insurance.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 11.—The body of Percy O'Neil, fireman on the Dirigo, has been recovered. He was not known to have been drowned until his body was found.

BOSTON, Aug. 11.—A fire at Sewall, Day & Co.'s carriage works in Roxbury, this afternoon, caused a loss of $10,000; covered by insurance.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 11.—The steamship Carlotta was towed up to-day. The engineers say her hull, engine, and boilers are not materially damaged, and that $30,000 will rebuild her. It is thought 10,000 bushels of corn may be saved from the elevator.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 11.—The Widows' and Orphans' Home, situated near this city, was totally destroyed by fire this morning, leaving all the inmates homeless. A small portion of the furniture was saved, but everything else, including the clothing, was lost. Assistance of all kinds is urgently needed.

THE INDIANS.

Results of Mackenzie's Raid Into Texas—Horrible Atrocities Committed Upon White Settlers.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 11.—The Rev. Norman Badger, army chaplain at Fort Concha, Western Texas, arrived here yesterday, en route for Washington. A scouting party returned to Concha last Saturday week, after forty days' absence, bringing in a number of stolen ponies captured from the Indians of their reservations; also, the fresh scalp of a white girl, 13 years old, who, with a woman, was killed and scalped on Staked Plain, about two weeks before.

Mr. Badger says it is now known that Gen. Mackenzie during his great expedition against the Comanches, last fall, killed upward of a hundred of them. It was reported at the time that he had killed but twenty-three.

About three weeks ago a band of Indians appeared near old Camp Colorado and shot and stabbed a Mrs. Williams, and also shot a little girl of Mrs. Williams' and mashed her head against a door-post and threw her body into the fire. They then entered the house and shot a girl eight years old, and carried her away with them. Mrs. Williams, notwithstanding her two wounds, crawled into the house, pulled her little child out of the fire, rolled her in a wet blanket, and laid her on a bed. Mrs. Williams' husband soon after returned, to whom she related the circumstances, and then died, but the infant, whose head was mashed almost to a jelly, was still alive when last heard from, and would probably recover.

A band of from fifty to sixty Indians were roaming about the country south of Fort McKavett, and, in the absence of cavalry at Fort Concho, a scout had been sent in all directions to warn the settlers. Much alarm existed, and citizens were arming to defend themselves.

Base Ball.

IOWA CITY, Aug. 11.—This week a match game of base-ball for $150 and the championship of the State, comes off in this city, between the Iowa City and Keokuk Clubs. The Iowa Citys, as now organized, have beaten every club they have played with, and as the Keokuks are a good club, an interesting game is looked for. The Iowa Citys offer $150 to any amateur club in the State that will beat them in Iowa City.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 11.—Base ball: Mutuals, 6; Philadelphias, 4.

GUELPH, Ont., Aug. 11.—A game of base ball for the championship of the Dominion was played here to-day between the St. Lawrence Club, Kingston, and Maple Leaf Club, of Guelph. The latter won by a score of 36 to 4.

The Red Stockings, of Boston, play the Maple Leaf Club here on the 23d.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 11.—The Red Stockings, of Boston, played a game to-day at the Union Park with the Enterprise, of this city. Score, 36 to 5 in favor of the Red Stockings.

Obituary.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Aug. 11.—Adams Getty, one of the oldest, most respected, and most prominent residents of this city, being 71 years of age, died last evening. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon. Mr. Getty was the father of the present Mayor of Muskegon, Mich., and of Mrs. W. B. Dodge, of Waukegan.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 11.—William M. Richardson, President of the Union Insurance Company, and long connected with that institution, died this evening from paralysis.

A Bar-Room Fight.

DETROIT, Aug. 11.—During a grog-shop altercation on Woodbridge street, last evening, the proprietor, John Barker, stabbed Michael McGreevy in the abdomen several times, and his wounds are probably fatal.

The Cholera.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 11.—One fatal case of cholera occurred to-day. The victim died after eight hours' sickness, and was buried at 9 o'clock to-night.

THE LABOR QUESTION.

New York Organizations Agitating the Question of a General Strike.

Employers Said to Be Constantly Evading the Eight-Hour Rule.

Proposition to Hold a General Mass-Meeting in September.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—The *Tribune* furnishes the following items: The various trades-unions are making arrangements in a general way to hold a mass-meeting in September, to discuss the present aspects of the labor movement, and to endeavor, if possible, to bring about a more general observance of the eight-hour rule. The workingmen complain that little by little the observance of eight hours as a day's work is being disregarded by employers. Not long ago one of the prominent carpenters and builders of this city was waited upon by a committee representing men in his employ, and asked whether or not the Association of Employers had not agreed to ignore the eight-hour rule, and return gradually and quietly to the ten-hour system. He replied that he knew of no such arrangement or agreement. It had not been discussed at the meetings of the Association; at the same time he could not but confess that very many of employers who had given the eight-hour plan a fair trial had come to regard it as a failure and gone back to the ten-hour system.

Inquiry shows that in certain trades the eight-hour plan is almost entirely ignored. This is the case with the piano-forte manufacturers, the cabinet-makers, carvers, upholsterers, and iron-workers. In these trades there were so many employers who refused to co-operate with the workingman that the majority of those who acceded to the demand for eight hours have been compelled to return to the old system or leave the field altogether.

Some of the workmen are in favor of a general strike, and wish to have those who are now working eight hours cease altogether, until the employers who are unwilling to grant a reduction of the hours of labor shall be brought to terms. This has been denounced as absurd and suicidal by trades whose numbers and organization compel a general observance of the eight-hour rule by their employers. Nothing definite has yet been determined on.

MURDER TRIAL.

The Case of B. C. Henshaw for the Alleged Murder of Abel Heaston in Winchester, Ind.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 11.—A special to the *Gazette* from Winchester, Ind., gives the following interesting particulars concerning the trial of B. C. Henshaw for the murder of Abel Heaston, on the 15th of April, 1871: On that day, Madison Henshaw, a reformed gambler and brother of the defendant, drew some money from the bank for wheat he had sold. Meeting an acquaintance he was persuaded to take a drink, contrary to his habit, and soon was engaged at the gaming-table. After winning all the money from his opponents, the game was stopped. In a short time he was called from the room by some unknown person, knocked on the head, and robbed of all he had. His brother, B. C. Henshaw, was sent for, and was making arrangements to remove the insensible man home. At this point the most important question in the case is raised. It is claimed by the State that Henshaw said: "If you will get the whisky out of the s—n e— of a b—h he'll be all right. Henshaw advanced toward Heaston, demanding a retraction, when the latter drew a knife and was stabbed by the former in self-defense. The prosecution claim that Henshaw advanced toward Heaston, and, without a word being said by the latter, struck him twice, severing the jugular vein. They also claim that Heaston did not draw a knife, but that his knife was found shut up about two rods from the scene of the murder next morning.

The case attracts special attention from the fact that the parties are all wealthy, and have employed an immense array of legal talent. Judge Haines, of Portland, presides, and Prosecuting Attorney Ryan is assisted by Judge Sample, of Muncie, Judge Peele, of Centerville, and several others. On the defense are Gen. Tom Browne, Judge Colgrove, and Norman Way, of Winchester; W. A. Bicknell, of Richmond, and others. There are about 85 witnesses, and the case will probably continue three or four days.

CANADA.

Arrival of Members of Parliament and Ministers at Ottawa—Post-Office Robbery.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 11.—All the Cabinet Ministers, including Sir John A. Macdonald, are in the Capital. The Speaker of the Senate is also here. Members are arriving by every train, and a session of the House is generally expected, though the Government, if sufficiently strong, will force prorogation.

TORONTO, Aug. 11.—The *Mail* is backing down since it was snubbed by the Governor-General.

It is rumored that W. K. Muir will retire from the management of the Great Western Railway on the 1st of September, to be succeeded by Price, who is now Treasurer.

The city Post-Office was robbed last night of about ninety registered letters. The authorities are reticent, and the particulars are kept private. Detectives are at work.

KANSAS CITY.

An Editor Arrested for Libel—Keokuk & Kansas City Railroad.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 11.—On Friday, R. B. Taylor was arrested at the instance of the Hon. S. A. Cobb, M. C., charged with publishing libelous articles in the Wyandotte *Gazette*, of which Taylor is publisher. The editor of the *Gazette* replied to a question in the press of Wilson County, asking if Cobb lobbied in the back-pay business, and the *Gazette* stated that Cobb did so lobby, was only a Captain instead of a Colonel in an Indian regiment, drew back pay without service, and robbed the Government of $19,000, and attempted to bribe a witness in a certain case in which he was attorney. Taylor lay in jail Saturday and Sunday, but was released to-day on bail. Cobb publishes a card in the morning papers of this city explaining his position as to the charges.

Surveyors and engineers of the Keokuk & Kansas City Railroad are surveying a line from here to Marshall, Saline County, with a view of ascertaining the probable cost of a line to this place.

First Gas-Light.

WILMINGTON, O., Aug. 11.—This city was illuminated to-night for the first time with gas. The occasion was celebrated by a banquet at the Gates House. Among the guests were the City Councils of Washington Court House and of this city, together with the officers of the Company and many invited guests. The works were constructed by R. T. Coverdale, of Cincinnati.

Accidentally Shot.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 11.—Yesterday, at Tunkhannock, Sidney Mayer accidentally shot and killed Oscar Mills, Assistant Engineer United States Navy. Mayer shot at a hawk in his garden, and a portion of the charge entered the heart of Mills, who was walking in his yard at the time.

The Baltimore Shooting Case.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 11.—George Carson, the Custom-House officer who last night shot and killed the man named Grauer, fireman of the steamship Baltimore, was to-day committed for action of the Grand Jury.

Destructive Tornado.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JANESVILLE, Wis., Aug. 11.—About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a tornado and hail-storm swept over the Town of Porter, laying waste the numerous fields of tobacco in its path. The destruction was complete, the leaves of the tobacco plants being ground to atoms. A prominent farmer, whose tobacco crop is a total wreck, thinks the tornado was about four miles in width, and that it spent the force in the Town of Porter. The tobacco was nearly ready to cut, and a better crop never was gathered in Rock County than this season.

KEOKUK.

Completion of the Middle Lock of the Government Canal Around the Des-Moines Rapids.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

KEOKUK, Ia., Aug. 11.—The middle lock of the Government Canal, now in process of construction around the Des-Moines Rapids of the Mississippi River at this place, was completed today. The work of laying the finishing stone was performed with imposing ceremonies, and was witnessed by a large company of leading citizens. The Hon. D. F. Miller, Mayor of the city, was called upon to conduct the ceremonies. The stone having been located, he made a few appropriate remarks, in which he spoke of the magnitude of the enterprise, and the value of the improvement to the navigation of the Mississippi River, removing, as it will when completed, the only obstruction between New Orleans and St. Paul. He then, with a stroke of the mallet, pronounced the finishing stone of the middle lock laid. The lock contains about 12,000 cubic yards of masonry, and is a magnificent structure. It is 439 feet in length, and 80 feet in width, and has been built at a cost to the Government of $250,000. It will admit of the passage of vessels drawing five feet of water during the lowest stages of the river. This is the first portion of the improvement that has been wholly completed. Among those who operated the derrick in the ceremony of the laying of the finishing stone to-day was Hon. George W. McCrary, Member of Congress from this district.

WALL STREET.

Review of the Stock, Money, Gold, and Produce Markets.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—The stock market was dull and the attendance slim, more so than usual on Monday, but the market was strong, with a general bullish tendency, particularly in Pacific Mail and the Vanderbilts.

GOLD

excessively dull. Sales limited.

MONEY

continues cheap, and borrowers on call loans are freely supplied.

GOVERNMENTS

generally improving.

STATE FUNDS

dull, but steady.

BREADSTUFFS.

Flour opened with a better tone, under favorable news from Liverpool and France. Shipping brands and extras are plenty. Superfines stronger. The market closed strongest with a good demand. Wheat held 2 cents higher for spring; but few offers. Winter scarce and firm. High prices are demanded for all grades. Strict inquiry. First samples of Iowa and Nebraska new spring received here, and pronounced very superior in quality to that of last year. New Iowa oats samples pronounced very fine. Rye more active and better export demand. Corn irregular; low grades steadier; choice quiet and hardly so firm. Stocks on hand here 1,000,000 bushels less than in 1871, and same a year ago.

THE ANTI-MONOPOLISTS.

The Farmers Organizing for Self-Protection in Virginia.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The Farmers' Granges have been established in considerable number in Virginia, and applications are being sent to the centre of the Grange organization here for detailed information. A mercantile organization, which has become very obnoxious to the farmers, facilitates the establishment of these Granges. The merchants have a combination by which they seek to maintain uniformly high prices upon all articles in all the rural districts of the State. The workings of this combination have long been very oppressive, and the Grange question is now being actively discussed as to the means of relief.

The Kansas Farmers.

PARSONS, Kan., Aug. 11.—The Grangers will meet in this city about the 1st of September for a grand counsel and consultation affecting the interests of the State. It is estimated that 15,000 farmers will be present.

THE M

MASSACHUSETTS.

Gen. Butler's Gubernatorial Campaign.

How He Is Operating--Toying with the Labor-Reformers.

The Anti-Butler Movement---Butler Regarded Favorably by the Democrats.

The Liquor Question in the Canvass--Butler the Candidate of the Administration.

Special Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

BOSTON, Aug. 9, 1873.

The political sensation of the past week has been Gen. Butler's much-heralded letter in the defense of the salary-grab, a synopsis of which was given out some ten days ago, and has been commented on all over the country. If the estimate of old observers of political affairs is worth anything, this last move of the aspiring Butler is the most damaging of all the blunders with which he has strewn his pathway to the Worcester Convention. Lame, impotent, and very much unlike its author,—is the popular verdict. His attempt to shield himself behind President Grant has raised the laugh against him on all sides; and his flings at the newspapers constitute the only parts which are characteristic of the author. Ben cannot let pass an opportunity to court the hostility of newspapers. He thrives upon it and gloats over it. Knowing they will never say anything in his favor, he manages to keep his name in their columns by encouraging their opposition.

BUTLER'S CAMPAIGN OPERATIONS.

Butler's plan of conducting his campaign has been a matter of surprise both to friends and opponents. He seems to have been transformed, and behaves more like a bashful lover than an old political war-horse. He beat all round the bush at Framingham, and dodged the point at issue when it was forced upon him. He went down to Provincetown when they had the great railroad-jollification, cracked up the Cape Cod fishermen, and left before the festivities were half over, coming back to Boston with Collector Russell in a Government revenue-cutter. Then he had the veterans of the old Eighth Regiment visit his summer-home in Gloucester, on the occasion of their annual reunion, and discoursed philosophically and blandly of Cape Ann granite (of which the Boston Post-Office is being constructed, and which is to play an important part in the construction of other public buildings elsewhere), and the statue of Gen. Scott, but stolidly refused to let drop a word on politics. Some of his friends are getting disgusted at his plan of operating; they want him to come out boldly, strike right at the enemy's front rank, take the stump, and give his followers a chance to throw up their hats and give vent to their long-pent-up enthusiasm. Still there is no doubt the General is hard at work. The contest with him must result in one of two things: success in getting the Republican nomination, or being laid on the shelf, so far as the office of Governor is concerned. He is constantly on the go. An extra Private Secretary, and the officers of the Executive Committee of the Butler clubs, remain at his office in Pemberton square; and the piles of letters which go in and come out every day will bear a favorable comparison with those of an ordinary campaign during the good old days of the franking privilege. His office in Lowell displays the same activity; and there are frequent incursions of hungry politicians upon the beautiful summer-home at Bay View, when it is understood that the General will be there. Butler himself pops into his office at Pemberton square in the morning; dictates letter after letter to his two constantly-employed stenographers; receives a few favored callers; goes over to Young's Hotel for lunch with a select coterie of intimate friends; and by 4 o'clock is off on an express-train, perhaps for Lowell, maybe to spend the night at home, and probably to have a personal interview with some of his friends in a neighboring city. Every moment is occupied, even when on the cars,—for, when he has taken his seat, out comes a bundle of newspapers, and, before his destination is reached, he will have spotted every line in the whole pack wherein his name occurs, and be able to repeat half their editorials, and give word for word every article relating to himself. The General pays all his campaign-expenses, and, be it said to his credit, he deals liberally with all who are in his immediate employ.

BUTLER AND THE LABOR-REFORMERS.

A handful of politicians, and some sixty factory operatives, representing the Labor-Reform party of the State, held a convention at Lowell on Wednesday to organize a campaign for the enactment of a law restricting the hours of labor in factories to ten per day. The war was to last for all this speakers, and the Convention stuck to it throughout; still, the old cat would pop out of the bag occasionally, and give a pretty lively squint with one eye. Undoubtedly the leaders are honest in the attempt to gain the ten-hour law, and will make a desperate effort to force the issue into the fall-campaign; but the holding of the Convention at Lowell was simply an excuse for having a public Butler meeting in the evening, whereat a resolution was passed eulogizing the General and pledging him their support. Ever since Gen. Butler attached the driving-wheel of a Lowell mill for a small claim, he has been very popular among the factory operatives, and the demonstration Wednesday evening is only an earnest of what they will do for him if they get a chance. The vote is insignificant in itself; but, in several Republican towns, would decide the contest if thrown solidly for one of the two strongest candidates. The Labor-Reformers in this State have been sold out by both Democrats and Republicans so often that they are ready to take up with anything or anybody who promises to help along their cause. Butler was favored a nomination by the Lowell Convention, but he declined it, though it is privately stated that the evening meeting was held at his suggestion, and that he expressed a desire to have such a public indorsement of him made.

THE ANTI-BUTLER MOVEMENT

has been rapidly developing since the first Hamilton Hall meeting was held. All the gentlemen appointed on the Executive Committee have gone earnestly to work, and they hold consultations two or three times a week. Headquarters have been opened at Hamilton Hall, and the same gentleman, Mr. Oscar Doolittle, who performed the duties of Secretary of the Grand Club, is in attendances afternoon and evening, to give and receive information. The plan is to capture the caucuses; and, to do this, every Republican known to be anti-Butler will be seen and urged to be present and take an active part. Herein lies Butler's strength. His followers are the active ward and town politicians, the Federal office-holders, and the men who have had no hope of getting office under the present regime, but think they will stand some show under Butler. These are the men who are prompt to attend the caucuses, who are ready to drum up the tardy, and join in any scheme which will aid in carrying their point. They are the political bummers who have the suggested so many thousands of good citizens and kept them away from the caucuses; they have been fed at the public crib, have tasted the sweets of office, and desire to be reinstated, and they are rallying to the call of Butler with alacrity. This is the element against which the anti-Butler coalition will have to bring its strongest guns to bear, to meet it, circulars are now being issued broadcast over the State, urging the necessity of full and early attendance upon the primaries. If a Massachusetts man is known to be out of the State for the summer at a watering-place or some seaside resort, a circular is sent after him, commending the political situation and his duty to the State to his thoughtful attention, and impressing his first duty to be to return in time to vote down "objectionable" delegates to the State Convention. Judge Hoar, the Hon. George F. Hoar, Mr. Dawes, and others, leaders in the Hamilton-Hall combination, have been lending their energies to the preparation of an address to the people of the State, which is to be the big sash-Butler gun. A rough draft of this document was submitted to the Committee early this week, and it was to have been published by to-day, but it was decided to wait until after Gen. Butler's letter defending the salary-grab should have appeared, that it might contain whatever answers thereto should such be deemed necessary. This will hardly be the case, as the letter will need more defending by Butler's friends than answering by his opponents. A thorough organization of all the anti-Butler elements in the State has been attempted, and there is a fair prospect of success. The "eminently-respectable" representatives of what was once the party of great moral ideas are as thoroughly in earnest as is the representative of the Federal office-holders' party; and so antagonistic are the elements that a distinguished looker-on cannot see how, in the event of Butler's nomination, his opponents can consent to stand by it. The Butler men charge the opposition with trying to use the Republican party to gratify a personal spite; per contra, the opposition retort that Butler wants to turn the State upside down that he may accomplish his own ambitious purposes. These dog-days are hot times in more ways than one. Button-holing and sidewalk canvassing are the order. A man of prominence in the party, from out of the city, cannot sit down at Parker's or Young's, to smoke a cigar or enjoy a lunch, but he must be approached by some representative of one side or the other, to feel his pulse and prescribe an antidote for his political disease, whether it be Butler or anti-Butler. And, just as like as not, while he is being compelled to listen to one, another is waiting outside to catch his private ear, and counteract what influence the other may have had.

BUTLER AND THE DEMOCRATS.

The Democratic State Central Committee met on Wednesday, and voted to call the party Convention at Worcester, on the 3d of September. They also considered a resolution ignoring the Liberal Republicans and favoring a straight party nomination. The Committee was not more than half full, and, to make up the deficiency, some of the leading lights of the party were called in for counsel. It was a stormy and significant session, taken all in all, if the reports which have leaked out are correct, and there is no reason to doubt it. It is an undeniable fact that the rank and file of the party are in sympathy with the Butler movement, and only want a chance to show it at the polls. First, he is popular with the Irish; then, the retail liquor-dealers, who have suffered from extortion and bribes at the hands of the State Constabulary, would like to see him Governor, that the Prohibitory law might be enforced impartially or exploded altogether, which is the General's ante-election doctrine. Add to this the fact that the leaders have given up all hope of ever gaining power as a party, and think they see in Butler's election a chance to smash the Republican party, and you have three good reasons for this assumption. The sympathy for Butler cropped out in an attempt to delay the date of the Convention, in order to see how the Republican squabble would terminate. Two years ago, in a great many towns, the Republican caucuses were carried for Butler by the votes of Irish Democrats; and the same tactics are to be pursued this year, where they can be made to work. A straight nomination will be made, no doubt, by the Democrats; but, if Butler is in the field, the Democratic candidate will not get half his party-vote.

THE LIQUOR-QUESTION

is playing an important part in the contest. Butler started out with a big talk to the Prohibitionists and a shrill whistle for the liquor-dealers. His adherents among the former are few in number; the great majority of the temperance men are in sympathy with the "Eminently Respectables," and don't care to go in on Butler's double-faced policy. To offset the adherence of the Republican liquor-dealers to Butler, the Washburn clique have made a move to conciliate the wavering Prohibitionists. Peremptory orders have been issued to enforce the Prohibitory law to the letter, and to close up the first-class bar-rooms simultaneously with the gin-mills and low groggeries. To carry out this order, the twelve State Constables who have been charged with the enforcement of the law in Boston have been summarily discharged, and with-out any explanation, except that the Commissioners had reason to believe that said officers were not doing their duty. A week has passed, the vacancies have been filled by details from the force scattered about the State in the towns, but no decisive move has been made on the bar-rooms which keep open doors and publicly sell as much as ever. Now it so happens that eleven of the twelve Constables discharged were Butler men. In the manipulation of ward caucuses heretofore, the State Constables have been the power behind the throne in localities where there were a large number of rum-shops. Congressman Hooper pocketed three thousand votes at every election; State Senators and Representatives have been elected from the same places. It's all done through the State Constables, who have the power to prosecute or let alone every liquor-dealer on their respective beats. To secure exemption from a prosecution for a twelve-month, a Democratic liquor-dealer will gladly pay a liberal assessment for the election of a Republican, and not only stay away from the polls, but persuade all his friends to do the same. This was the secret of the tremendous gains for Grant last fall, and is a fair sample of the way the politics of the State have been manipulated under the Prohibitory law by the clique in power. Eleven State Constables in Boston, using their office for Butler, was more than Mr. Washburne could afford. The Commissioners deny that they knew anything of the political prejudices of the officers; but the dodge is too thin, and Butler's friends are making the most out of it they can. In connection with this feature of the campaign, a neat little ruse of the Butler party has just come to light. It is well known that the Independent Order of Good Templars is a powerful organization in this State, ready to vote solidly for any man who will enforce the Prohibitory law. Gov. Washburne is well known as a Prohibitionist, but he has not gone by his pledges, and does not go beyond his orders. Hence, the Prohibitionist are far from being satisfied with him, and that is the reason some are turning hopefully toward Butler. In the western part of the State, some of Butler's friends have undertaken to manipulate the Good Templars. The plan is to visit the lodges, and when suggestions for the good of the Order are called for, they rise in their places to speak. Of course it is most natural to speak of the enforcement of the Prohibitory law and the means to secure that end, and then to glide into the subject of the coming election, winding up with an appeal to all voters to attend the Republican caucuses and send delegates to the State Convention who will vote for the man, and him only, who promises to enforce the law. It is a neat dodge, but its early exposure will break its force.

BUTLER AND THE ADMINISTRATION.

Butler proclaims himself the Administration candidate, and he is to all appearances. He is supported by every Custom-House and United States Court officer in the State, and by the Postmasters in a body. Secretary Boutwell owes him the seat he now occupies in the Senate; Vice President Wilson is neutral; Secretary Robeson is a Butler man,—they were closeted together at the Boar's Head Hotel a few days ago; Secretary Richardson has thrown the weight of his influence for Butler; Collector Russell of the Custom House, Collector Slack of the Internal Revenue Department, all the United States Assessors, and the whole batch of Administration dependents at the Charlestown Navy-Yard and the Chelsea Naval Hospital, all work for Butler. Then a fine little programme has been arranged for next week, which is to prove to the world that President Grant sympathizes with the aspirations of the Congressman from Essex. The President is to visit Speaker Blaine at his home in Maine. Butler and the United States officials here are to take the President by the hand when he arrives in Boston next Tuesday morning, give him a breakfast in conjunction with the city authorities, and Butler is to be the President's guide, philosopher, and friend in the journey from Boston to Blaine's home. Blaine, and Butler are to be in close conclave for two days. Verily the signs are ominous. But more of this anon. RIX.

Large Iowa Farms.

From the Grundy County (Ia.) Atlas.

Our county cannot boast of having a Chicago or New York within her borders, and she has but eighty rods of railroad, but of one thing we can justly boast, and that is, that for extensive farmers and big farms she has no peer in all the broad State of Iowa. The following is a list of our heaviest men, with the number of acres owned by each:

George Wells, Shiloh township,	6,000 acres.
Aaron Cole, Palermo,	3,680 acres.
Messrs. McMartin & Clay,	2,000.
Horace Bates, Palmero,	1,800 acres.
Ransom Bailey, Lincoln,	1,600 acres.
Elias Marble, Colfax,	1,500 acres.
H. H. Rogers, Palmero,	1,360 acres.
Ethan Allis, Palmero,	1,240 acres.
Edwin Hillyer, Palmero,	1,160 acres.
G. W. Warner, Colfax,	1,120 acres.
M. I. Townsend, Colfax,	1,040 acres.
Lyman Cole, Palmero,	1,000 acres.
John Hitchens, Palmero,	800 acres.

While there are a number of such men as Clarkson, Beckman, Courtright, Rugg, Meisner, Sherratt, Willoughby, Tewksbury Brothers, Henry Johns, etc., who farm from 400 to 600 acres each.

ENGLAND.

Visits to Parliament.

The House of Commons---Gladstone and Disraeli.

The House of Lords---A Trifling Debate ---The Archbishop of Canterbury.

English Oratory --- Westminster Abbey.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

LONDON, June, 1873.

I am, as you know, visiting England for the first time, and the brief sketches I send you are first impressions,—many of which, perhaps, time and closer observation would correct; but, such as they are, I give them without any effort to be accurate. Indeed, I cannot find books and other means of verifying facts. One needs, in traveling, an encyclopædia at one's elbow constantly.

Yesterday I visited

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,

to which I was conducted by Henry Bright, brother of John Bright. He conducted me to a raised seat directly behind the seats occupied by the members, and pointed out to me the celebrities, and explained the order of business. There sat, facing each other, Gladstone and Disraeli, separated only by a narrow passage and table, and each flanked by his leading captains and followers, ranged on each side of a narrow passage leading from the main entrance to the Speaker's chair. The Opposition and the Ministerial party always occupy different sides of the House; and, when a Ministry go out, the Minister and his party change sides with the Opposition. Here, in the British Parliament, have thus sat the

GREAT STATESMEN AND ORATORS

of Great Britain, from the time of Cromwell; the great leaders with whose names history is filled. Here sat Strafford, and Hampden, and, later, Fox, and Peel, and O'Connell, and Brougham; and the long line of great Parliamentary leaders who have directed and guided English policy and shaped English history.

On my first visit to the House of Commons, there was a debate upon a bill in relation to taxation, which brought out many leading speakers on both sides, and I heard a great many short, sensible speeches. In directness, conciseness, in coming directly to the point, using the fewest words possible, Parliament is far in advance of our Congress.

Among others, I heard

GLADSTONE.

He is fluent, clear, ready, with a style of the purest English. No hesitation, no stammering, none of the "aw, ah, aw," which is so general among English speakers in and out of Parliament. Mr. Henry Bright speaks of him with enthusiasm, saying, "He is the finest debater in England," and Mr. John Bright afterwards said, in speaking of him, "He is the finest debater in the world." He is certainly a very fine speaker. His voice and manner reminded me of Wendell Phillips' but his higher tones are, I think, finer. I heard him several times, and he was always ready, clear, and fluent; with some humor and evident tact in managing the House. I did not hear

DISRAELI.

He sat opposite Gladstone, with his arms folded, in deep black, silent and motionless, but yet a close observer of the debates. Gladstone was dressed in black coat, gray pantaloons, light vest, and blue cravat.

A few days later, I visited the House of Commons again, and this time with

Mr. Beecher,

author of "Tom Brown." He pointed out the leading members on both sides, and praised, in a hearty, good-natured way, both Liberals and Tories; and is, I imagine, popular with both. He called my attention to Odger, the Republican; and, in reply to my inquiry whether he had many fellowers, said, "No; very few."

As the House was dull, he proposed that we go over to

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

There he pointed out to me the great men, the leaders among the Law Lords, the Bishops, and the heads of the great families which compose the English aristocracy. There I expected to see the most dignified body on earth; the grandest descendants of the Normans; the heads of those great families whose palatial residences make England a land of castles, parks, and palaces. Here are the great men and their descendants, in all departments, who have made these small islands a leading power in the world. Here are the representatives of the houses of Douglas, Hamilton, Warwick, Argyle, Marlborough, Nelson, Wellington, Chatham, and all who have been ennobled for great deeds in military, naval, and civil service, as well as those who can trace their lineage along a brilliant descent from the Conquerors down; and to these must be added the great men in the Law and the Church, the Judges and the Bishops. Well, I approached the House of Lords with reverence—almost awe. But this feeling

WAS QUICKLY DESPATED.

The House of Lords were making merry over a bill to prohibit acrobatic performances by children under 13 years. A most proper bill, as it seemed to me. A noble Lord rose and asked for the second reading of the bill, and, to support it, read, in a drawling, hesitating manner, with plenty of "aws" and "ahs" extracts from newspapers which gave accounts of accidents resulting from performances by children on the trapeze. Another noble Lord rose to oppose the bill, saying, among other things, he feared its passage would operate very badly in his part of England,—"for," said he, "this bill prohibits all practices which may endanger life or limb; and, in that part of England, it is the custom for the lads to cut turnips for the sheep and cattle; and, if the bill passes, this innocent practice will be prohibited, as the lads very often cut their fingers instead of the turnips!"

A very reverend Lord Bishop followed, saying he feared the passage of the bill would prohibit the children from singing their Christmas carols, from singing the old year out and the new year in, as the lads might endanger their lives by taking cold! etc.

Another very noble and learned Lord said, as the bill prohibited all practices which endanger life and health, it certainly would prohibit the eating of plums and cherries, by lads under 13,—"for your Lordships all know," said he, "that such practice is not unfrequently attended with serious danger!"

By this time, I had come to the conclusion that the House of Lords was composed of men very like the rest of mankind, and that their trifling was not much more amusing than that of other less imposing bodies of men. Seriously, their Lordships are

NOT SO FINE A BODY OF MEN

physically as the United States Senate.

Going to the House of Lords, a few days later, I heard a very interesting debate upon a bill authorizing the Bishop to permit services by clergymen other than the Rector of the parish. I heard several Lord Bishops, including the Earl of Shaftesbury; but the best speech, by far, was that by the

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

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L. A.

LA SALLE COUNTY.

Crops--The Farmers' Movement--Free-Trade--Ottawa's Academy of Sciences --Indian Antiquities.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Having recently passed a few days at Ottawa and vicinity, I noted a few items that may be of interest. Having once been an honest farmer myself, I rode into the country, to see how the agricultural interests prosper. The accounts, as heard from the lips of the farmer, are not flattering. It is either too hot and dry, or too wet. I noticed immense fields of newly-cut oats, wheat, and rye—all which looked very fine; but they say there is more straw than grain. Some, however, told me of oats going 50 bushels to the acre. On the whole, the yield is fair. The growing corn looks well,—a little late, but, if the frost does not come too early, the crop will be good. There is a large amount of old corn yet in the cribs, the owners hoping for better prices, and being able to hold it.

For several years, farming has not been a paying business. The farmers are mixed, discouraged, and not particularly friendly to railroad-extortions or high tariffs on anything. And no wonder, when they must pay several profits on all they buy with corn at 30 cents per bushel. The Grangers are strong here. Whether they will succeed in doing anything in the way of reform, depends much on the wisdom of their counsels, and also their ability to keep out the old professional politicians. I am impressed with the fact that the tariff question and the monopoly question are the ones uppermost at this time in the minds of the farmers. And, in the great political fight which I venture to predict must soon ensue on the tariff question, nine-tenths of them will vote the Free-Trade ticket. I have no malicious, but not unpleasant, feeling that this is so. In a free country, let everything be as free as possible. So much for the farmers.

At Ottawa, my attention was called to the Academy of Sciences, an institution that has been in operation some six years. On repairing to their large hall in Chesney's Block, I found large and fine collections of specimens in various branches of natural science. Those in geology, conchology, and mineralogy are very extensive, and many specimens equal to any seen elsewhere. There is also a large case of birds and mammals, all well stuffed and arranged in good style. The most interesting feature, however, is the collection of Indian antiquities and relics of the French occupation, from Fort St. Louis, at Starved Rock. These have been found mostly by accident. No doubt a systematic exploration would unearth many more interesting souvenirs of the days of De Tonti and his compeers. Near the Starved Rock may still be seen the remains of an earthwork thrown up by the French as part of their defenses. Opposite, on the other side of the river, once stood a great Indian city. There are also burial mounds near by. The whole country round is, in fact, historic ground.

C.

AUG. 9.

OBITUARY.

A few years ago, the Rev. T. T. Waterman was one of the leading clergymen of this State. He was settled over the Second Presbyterian Church at Galena, but his eloquence and his able presentation of the truth made him well and favorably known all over the Northwest. The Christian public will be sorry to learn of his death, an account of which we find in the Providence *Journal* of the 7th. From the remarks of the Rev. Dr. Blodgett, we select a brief paragraph in relation to his labors:

Thomas Tileston Waterman was born in Windham, Conn., Sept. 24, 1801. He graduated at Yale College in 1822. He studied theology with his father, the Rev. Elijah Waterman. He was ordained as pastor of the Richland Street Church, Hartford, Conn., in 1830, by Dr. Lyman Beecher, then of Boston, preaching the ordination sermon. In 1837 he became pastor of the Fifth Presbyterian Church, of Philadelphia. This pastorate continued to 1843. From Philadelphia Mr. Waterman was invited to return to Providence and become pastor of the Fourth Congregational Church, which soon came to be called the Free Evangelical Church, the church which is now in occupation of the beautiful edifice on Benefit street, but his higher tones are, I think, finer. I heard him several times, and he was always ready, clear, and fluent; with some humor and evident tact in managing the House. I did not hear

DISRAELI.

He sat opposite Gladstone, with his arms folded, in deep black, silent and motionless, but yet a close observer of the debates. Gladstone was dressed in black coat, gray pantaloons, light vest, and blue cravat.

A few days later, I visited the House of Commons again, and this time with

Mr. Beecher,

author of "Tom Brown." He pointed out the leading members on both sides, and praised, in a hearty, good-natured way, both Liberals and Tories; and is, I imagine, popular with both. He called my attention to Odger, the Republican; and, in reply to my inquiry whether he had many fellowers, said, "No; very few."

As the House was dull, he proposed that we go over to

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

There he pointed out to me the great men, the leaders among the Law Lords, the Bishops, and the heads of the great families which compose the English aristocracy. There I expected to see the most dignified body on earth; the grandest descendants of the Normans; the heads of those great families whose palatial residences make England a land of castles, parks, and palaces. Here are the great men and their descendants, in all departments, who have made these small islands a leading power in the world. Here are the representatives of the houses of Douglas, Hamilton, Warwick, Argyle, Marlborough, Nelson, Wellington, Chatham, and all who have been ennobled for great deeds in military, naval, and civil service, as well as those who can trace their lineage along a brilliant descent from the Conquerors down; and to these must be added the great men in the Law and the Church, the Judges and the Bishops. Well, I approached the House of Lords with reverence—almost awe. But this feeling

WAS QUICKLY DESPATED.

The House of Lords were making merry over a bill to prohibit acrobatic performances by children under 13 years. A most proper bill, as it seemed to me. A noble Lord rose and asked for the second reading of the bill, and, to support it, read, in a drawling, hesitating manner, with plenty of "aws" and "ahs" extracts from newspapers which gave accounts of accidents resulting from performances by children on the trapeze. Another noble Lord rose to oppose the bill, saying, among other things, he feared its passage would operate very badly in his part of England,—"for," said he, "this bill prohibits all practices which may endanger life or limb; and, in that part of England, it is the custom for the lads to cut turnips for the sheep and cattle; and, if the bill passes, this innocent practice will be prohibited, as the lads very often cut their fingers instead of the turnips!"

A very reverend Lord Bishop followed, saying he feared the passage of the bill would prohibit the children from singing their Christmas carols, from singing the old year out and the new year in, as the lads might endanger their lives by taking cold! etc.

Another very noble and learned Lord said, as the bill prohibited all practices which endanger life and health, it certainly would prohibit the eating of plums and cherries by lads under 13,—"for your Lordships all know," said he, "that such practice is not unfrequently attended with serious danger!"

By this time, I had come to the conclusion that the House of Lords was composed of men very like the rest of mankind, and that their trifling was not much more amusing than that of other less imposing bodies of men. Seriously, their Lordships are

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GREAT WESTERN TELEGRAPH.

Judge Blodgett's Decision on the Petition to Set Aside Adjudication.

The Decree Upheld and the Company Declared Insolvent.

The Case to Go Before the Circuit Court on Review.

Yesterday Judge Blodgett delivered the following decision on the petition to set aside the adjudication in bankruptcy of the Great Western Telegraph Company:

On the 6th of February last, John Clark Hilton filed in this court his petition claiming to be a creditor of the Great Western Telegraph Company to the amount of $2,000, and alleging certain acts of bankruptcy which had been committed by said Company, and praying that it may be adjudicated bankrupt therefor. Issues of fact were formed on this petition and the amendments thereto, on which trial was had, and on the 26th of April last the Court found the respondent guilty, as charged, and adjudicated it bankrupt. Subsequently, a petition was filed in the Circuit Court for a review of the said order of the District Court in the premises, and on the hearing of their petition or some motion pertaining thereto, the Circuit Court was asked to hear some newly-discovered testimony in the case. But the learned Circuit Judge refused to hear the additional proof, and, therefore, in pursuance of a suggestion from him, the respondent applied to this Court for a rehearing. The evidence for this rehearing set forth in substance that since the former hearing and adjudication, the respondent had discovered certain evidence showing that the petitioning creditor, Hilton, is not a bona fide holder of the indebtedness set forth in his petition, and that the promissory notes evidencing said indebtedness did not show an honorable debt in the hands of the original buyer, by reason of certain equities in favor of said Company against Reeve, the payee, that Hilton had taken these notes with knowledge of these equities, and was not, therefore, in any better position to set an adjudication of bankruptcy against the respondent than Reeve would have been.

On the hearing of this petition, I gave the respondent leave to introduce the newly-discovered proof on this point, stating that I would then determine whether, with this additional proof in the case, the adjudication should stand, or whether it should be set aside and the petition dismissed. In accordance with this order, the additional proof has been heard, and the question for the Court now is, *does the evidence adduced at the rehearing show that a case is made out by the evidence on the former hearing?*

In his petition, Hilton represents himself to be a creditor of the respondent on three judgments rendered in the form against the Company in the Circuit Court of Cook County, upon three promissory notes given by said company to Selah Reeve, dated June 6, 1872, for $6,000, $4,000, and $2,000, respectively in four, five, and six months after date, and indorsed by Reeve to Hilton, and one note for $600 dated Aug. 1, 1872, due in four months after date. On the four months' note for $6,603.16, judgment was rendered on the 7th of November last, before service of process had been had. On the five months' notes judgment rendered by confession Nov. 26, and on the 24th of January last judgment was rendered by default on the six months' note for $6,603.16, and the $600 note of Aug. 1. All these notes bear interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from date, and being signed by George L. Otis, as "President of the Great Western Telegraph Company," it was claimed in the petition for rehearing that respondent had, since the first trial, discovered evidence by which it could show that Hilton had not paid a valuable consideration for said notes, that the notes were not, in fact, executed and delivered until after the publication of the decision by this State, in the case of Terwilliger vs. the Great Western Telegraph Company, hereinafter noted, and that at the time of the execution of a certain contract entered into between the Company and Reeve void for fraud, and decreeing an accounting between Reeve and the Company, that said notes were not in the hands of Hilton, and that Hilton had after the announcement of said opinion for the purpose of defrauding said Company, and with full knowledge on the part of Hilton that the Company had an equitable claim against Reeve greater than said notes, balance said notes, and that Otis, the Treasurer, had no authority to execute these notes.

From the evidence adduced upon the former trial, I found that the Great Western Telegraph Company adjudged bankrupt as a creditor on these notes after the decision of the Terwilliger case by the Supreme Court, it should not have denied them a provable debt to the extent of the amount of the notes

CHRIST CHURCH.

The Assistant Minister Deposed by the Bishop of Long Island.

Mr. Tucker's Reply to the Charges and Specifications.

His Correspondence with Bishops Whitehouse and Littlejohn.

The Rev. Charles H. Tucker, at the time in the Diocese of Long Island, accepted from Christ's Church, in this city, a call to take charge of its missions and be assistant minister. The result has been his deposition from the ministry, and the way it was brought about is fully detailed below. In connection with the Christ case it is very interesting.

Following are the articles or charges against the Bishop, exhibited on behalf of the Church by Wm. F. Onderdonk, acting as Church Advocate, in consequence of a presentment made to the said Bishop, by the standing Committee of said Diocese:

THE CHARGES.

Charge I. Violation of Section 3, of Canon 12, of Title 1 of the Digest of the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America for the government of said Church, by which section of said Canon it is provided that "No member removing from one diocese or missionary district to another shall officiate in the same, except minister, or assistant minister of any parish or congregation of the diocese or district to which he removes, until he shall have obtained from the ecclesiastical authority a certificate to his standing; I hereby certify that the Rev. A. N. Littlejohn has canonically transferred to my jurisdiction, and is a minister in regular standing."

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The Chicago Tribune.

Tuesday Morning, August 12, 1873.

A considerable change in assessments is said to be contemplated by the State Board of Equalization, which meets to-day at Springfield. Last year, the property in the State was assessed at $506,676,311. It will be placed at $1,500,000,000 this year. It is proposed that the value of railroad property will be assessed at $150,000,000, instead of $25,000,000, as last year.

When the time came for the saloon-keepers of Madison, Wis., to carry out their rebellious resolve to sell beer on Sunday, they changed their minds, as the Saloon-Keepers' Union of this city did, after they had solemnly resolved never to shut their saloons on Sunday. Only one beer-seller in Madison violated the law, and the city enjoyed a Sabbath of unusual quiet.

Gen. Butler has put a sticking-plaster on the Hon. George F. Hoar, who drew his back-pay and turned it over to an educational institution in his district. Some people need glory more than they need butcher's meat, said Benjamin F., and *vice versa*. Butler spent his back-pay for butcher's meat, while Hoar spent his for glory. Each one put his back-pay where he thought it would do him the most good.

The Granges of Minnesota, several of which have already appointed delegations to attend independent political conventions, are ordered by their Grand Master to annul this action. He instructs them that the rules of the Grange forbid any political movements by its members, acting as such. As individuals, however, they are free to act as they think proper. This order will not interfere with the success of the Conventions, as the farmers will send delegations appointed by public meetings instead of the Granges.

Those funny old Joey Bagstocks, the Massachusetts Democracy, have determined to stand by the organization, to put up a straight ticket, and to vote for Butler at the Republican primaries, as they did two years ago. Indeed, it is suspected by the anti-Butler Republicans that the Democratic stage-load, or a majority of them, intend to vote for Butler in the election if he gets the nomination. The Irish and the saloon-keepers are said to prefer him to any other candidate.

President Grant has been in consultation with Gov. Austin, of Minnesota, and Mayor Brackett, of Minneapolis, who endeavored to convince him that the conduct of the Manitoban authorities, and the irritation of the people of Minnesota, who threaten to take the matter into their own hands, make it necessary for the Government to intercede sharply and promptly. They got no other answer from the President than that the Secretary of State was his adviser in such matters, and that they might rest assured the rights of American citizens would be protected. The English Minister at Washington and Secretary Fish have had several informal talks about the affair, but it has assumed no diplomatic importance.

Southern farmers are beginning to feel the same grievances and the same need for organization in self-defense as the Western agriculturists. Attention has already been called to the agitation in Georgia, where the introduction of the Grange is widely favored, and the same movement is in progress in Virginia. The farmers of that State believe that there is a tacit but effective combination among the merchants of the State to keep up the prices of their goods, and to subvert this oppressive system they mean to form themselves into Granges. One object to be accomplished by this means will be the ability to purchase what they need at wholesale prices, as is done by the Western Grangers so successfully.

The New York *Tribune's* Grange correspondent, writing from Galesburg, Ill., hazards the following statement:

> So great an interest has THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE taken in the matter that, on at least one occasion, its reporter has attended a farmers' meeting with a Free Trade resolution already prepared, and has urged it upon the Committee on Resolutions.

Which is not true. On one occasion a gentleman who was a regularly-appointed delegate to a farmers' convention, and is himself a farmer, offered such a resolution, and, subsequently, without our solicitation, sent us a report of the Convention. The resolution was adopted, and the report was published. The difference between this state of facts and that which the *Tribune* correspondent has sent abroad will undoubtedly occur to him as being material.

The Chicago produce markets were rather more active yesterday, except in provisions. Mess pork was nominally 5c per brl higher, at $15.90@15.90 cash, and $15.90@15.95 seller September. Lard was inactive and firm, at 7¾@8c per lb for winter, and 7¾@7¾c for summer rendered. Meats were quiet and firm, at 7¾@8c for shoulders, 9¾@9¾c for short middles, and 10@12c for sweet-pickled hams. Lake freights were active and ¾c lower, at 4¾c for corn to Buffalo. High-wines were dull and ¾@1c lower, at 89¾c@$1c per gallon. Flour was active and a shade higher. Wheat was active, and advanced 2c on options, closing at $1.20 cash, $1.17¾ seller the month, and $1.19 seller September. Corn was in fair demand and steady, closing at 37¾c cash, and 38¾c seller September. Oats were dull and steady, closing at 27¾c seller the month, and 26@26¾c seller September. Rye was in fair demand and steady, at 59c. Barley was quiet and strong, advancing 4c for seller September, which closed at 94c. Hogs were steady, at $4.20@4.85. The cattle and sheep markets were quiet and unchanged.

The County Commissioners yesterday afternoon postponed action on the report of the Joint Committee on the Court-House Plans awarding premiums to Matz, Gay, and Tilley, and in the evening the Common Council recommitted the report to its Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with instructions to report what would be the cost of the three plans they submitted. It is said, however, that this is a mere pretense, the real object being to secure a modification of the report in order to deprive Matz of the first premium and give it to some other architect. It is stated that eight of the fifteen County Commissioners will, for the same reason, at the next meeting, imitate the action of the Council. It seems, from the statements of members of the Joint Committee, and of the Board of Public Works, that a decided majority of them must have voted against Matz's plan and in favor of Tilley's, and this will afford them an opportunity of correcting the clerical error in their report. The German members of both bodies are against this reference; the others, with few exceptions, favor it.

Prof. Goldwin Smith, who now edits the *Canadian Monthly*, has written an article in that magazine, in which he sharply criticises the Canadian Pacific scandal. In the course of his criticism, he comments upon Sir John A. Macdonald in the following bold language: "With the exceptions of the Lord Chancellor Macclesfield, the South Sea Bubble offenders, and Lord Melville, Sir John A. Macdonald is the first, we believe, since 1688, who has brought the stain of corruption on the name of the British Privy Council. In his case, considering what the connections of Sir Hugh Allan were known to be, the dark line of corruption is deepened by a shade of treason." In concluding his article he takes the following general view of the case:

> It is greatly to be lamented that a party-triumph should be in any way mixed up with the claims of the whole nation to justice. If the Conservatives feel tempted, under the influence of party feeling or long personal attachment, to defend what cannot be defended, let them remember that nothing is left to be conserved here but political honor and morality; and that, these gone, public life in Canada will become a gambling-table, from which, in the end, the most prodigate adventurer will assuredly sweep the stakes. It is a calamitous affair.

OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ENGLAND.

The resignation of Mr. Lowe, Chancellor of the Exchequer of England, and of Mr. Baxter, a Secretary of the Treasury, has been the result of an official transaction of a kind which, once exposed in England, is fatal to the Minister who performs it. Americans who are familiar with the Secor, Chorpenning, Fort Snelling, and Syndicate affairs, in which the several Secretaries of our Cabinet were notoriously involved, and who have read that another Secretary in a former Administration accepted $10,000 from the Pacific Railroad Company, whose affairs were under his charge, will read with surprise the comparatively trifling dereliction which, coming to the knowledge of the public, compelled the British Chancellor of the Exchequer to resign.

The Chancellor, having authority of law to contract for steam mail-service between Zanzibar and the Cape of Good Hope, in Africa, made an agreement with the Union Steamship Company at the rate of £26,000 a year, overlooking the fact that an offer had been made to do the same service by the British India Steam Company for £15,000. The contract was for a number of years, and the amount of the difference, capitalized for the term, reached £88,000. All the papers relating to the contracts were laid before Parliament before any action; the two offers were among the papers, but, so clearly was that for the lesser sum overlooked, that, while the tender itself was presented, no mention was made of it in the official list of papers communicated to Parliament. Mr. Baxter actually signed and certified this list of papers, and yet he had never seen the papers. No corruption is alleged. All that is charged is gross carelessness, through which the Minister hastily awarded a contract to one company at a higher annual rate than was asked for the same service by another company. As soon as this matter became public, a Cabinet meeting was held, and both Mr. Lowe and Mr. Baxter resigned, though to do so caused a reorganization of the whole Cabinet, compelling those of the members who are also members of Parliament to stand for re-election.

The time has been when a like respect for public opinion would have caused the prompt resignation of any member of the American Cabinet who was detected in any official delinquency involving money, especially if the transaction savored of corruption. Unfortunately, a different spirit prevails. The decay in official pride and integrity in this country is rendered more conspicuous by this instance of the high respect for public opinion shown by these two British Ministers.

TAXING RAILROAD PROPERTY.

We have heretofore noticed the discussion going on in the papers of the State upon the proper mode of taxing railroad property, and observed that there is a strong tendency toward the plan of taxing railroads upon a gross valuation of $50,000 per mile. This would give as the taxable value of the railroads in this State about $325,000,000, instead of about $20,000,000, as at present. We have suggested that such a proceeding would defeat itself; that taxation must be uniform as to the property upon which it is assessed, and that railroad property cannot be assessed save by that uniform rule prescribed by law for the valuation of all property for taxable purposes.

We have suggested that there might be some equitable rule adopted by the State for the taxation of railroad corporations which would obviate the present uncertain, irregular, and complicated system. In a recent case, appealed from Pennsylvania, the Supreme Court of the United States held that it was lawful for the State of Pennsylvania to impose a tax of three-fourths of 1 per cent upon the gross receipts of railroad and other transportation companies. While the Court affirmed its previous decisions, that no State can levy a tax upon freight transported from State to State, it held that the tax on gross receipts was not a tax upon freights any more than a tax upon the real estate and other property of the companies. The Court established two points upon the subject of State taxation of corporations, which are not only important but suggestive:

1. A State may tax the franchises of its carrying companies, and the tax may be proportioned either to the value of the franchises granted or to the extent of their exercise.

2. The gross receipts of a company may be taken as a measure of the value of its franchises or of their enjoyment, and a tax may be laid thereon.

According to this, the State of Illinois may tax all the railroad corporations in this State upon their franchises, and may use the sum of the gross receipts of the company as a valuation of these franchises. If the State have the power to thus tax the franchises, separately from and in addition to taxation on the real estate and other tangible property of the companies, then municipal authorities may levy taxes for local purposes on the same franchises. There is, however, no difficulty whatever in the way of an amicable arrangement between the State and railway corporations for the payment into the State Treasury of a fixed percentage of the gross receipts of all these companies, in lieu of all general taxation, State and municipal; nor would there be the least difficulty in providing for the equitable apportionment of this tax among the several counties, according to their respective interest therein. Such an arrangement would be the best possible arrangement for the State, because it would have a constantly-increasing source of revenue; it would be beyond all question the fairest mode of ascertaining the value of franchises and of the railroad property. There would be no variations as now in local assessment; there would be no costs nor expenses, nor delays in collecting the tax, nor could it be defeated by the misconduct of local officers in levying or collecting. To the railroads it would be a direct relief from the complaints and harassing pursuit of a swarm of local tax-officers in every county, town, and city. Instead of having to pay taxes first to the State, and then to each town, county, and city on its line, a railroad company would have but one tax bill to pay each year. It is possible that the railroads would pay considerably more tax than they now pay; but when the blackmail, the extortions, and the cost of litigation growing out of controversies with the legion of tax-officers are added to the taxes now paid, the railroads would find that it is cheaper to pay directly into the State Treasury a full tax on a fair and honest valuation than to be forever pettifogging and equivocating with the public. The franchises and property of railways are valuable; they are special privileges, and those holding and enjoying them ought to be willing to contribute liberally to the support of the Government. Railroads can do no act more just in itself, nor one better calculated to conciliate the public, than by a frank offer to pay to the State and the local Governments a fair rate of taxation.

THE SORROWS OF ANN ELIZA.

A correspondent of the New York *Sun* recently interviewed Brigham Young, and also Mrs. Ann Eliza Young, who has recently brought suit for divorce, and from his narrative we are at last enabled to get a comparatively clear view of the situation, and to realize the length and breadth of this first outbreak in Mr. Young's household, and the extent to which Ann Eliza has been damnified by her unfortunate marriage. The correspondent found Mr. Young in his private room in the Lion House,—a room richly furnished, the floor covered with soft carpets and hung with fine paintings, while the rich tables were strewn with elegant ormolu ornaments. And yet he was not happy. The correspondent at once entered upon his business, and inquired if the divorce papers were served upon him. He replied in the affirmative. He had read them through, but they were of no account. It was only another attempt at blackmail. The men who were running the suit wanted to get some of the Mormon money, but they would not succeed. Ann Eliza was always treated as a wife should be treated. No stipulations were made. She had no cause for complaint. She had had bad advisers, and had taken a wrong step. With regard to the legal aspects of the case, the Prophet was certain it was a put-up job, and the complaint was made in a United States Court, which had no jurisdiction. The Territorial law conferred the power to try such suits as these upon the Probate Court alone, and Territorial laws are binding within a prescribed limit until Congress annuls them. As it was a put-up job, however, the Prophet had no doubt the case would be entertained in the United States Court, and then he should feel it to be his duty to charge Ann Eliza with adultery, of which he had abundant and plain proofs. The above is the substance of the Prophet's statement, so far as the divorce suit is concerned. The conversation did not close, however, until he had freed his mind upon the subject of the Territorial office-holders, whom he denounced in bitter terms as rogues and scoundrels, who had demoralized the whole Territory, filled their pockets with plunder, packed grand juries, and were, in general, "a set of God-forsaken rascals," which is probably not far from the truth.

Mrs. Ann Eliza Young next told her story, which differs very essentially from that of the Prophet. Mrs. Young is a woman of 25, who was once handsome, but whose beauty has been shattered by mental and physical suffering. She was born at Nauvoo, of Mormon parents, and her first marriage was an unhappy one. She married Brigham Young partly because she was afraid to refuse and partly to help her brother, who had had a contract with Young to put up some telegraph poles, and had been unable to collect the money. She and her parents lived at Little Cottonwood, and one day Brigham was down there attending a meeting. After the meeting, he asked her if he might walk home with her, and she answered, as many a maiden has before: "I have no objection." On the way he asked her whether she ever thought of marrying again; to which she replied that she had had two or three offers, and refused them, just as gentle maidens often cautiously guard themselves when they find themselves approaching delicate ground. The next day Brigham came to dinner, and after dinner he took her father aside and proposed to marry her. This gay deceiver, with sixteen wives already, professed that he had always loved Ann Eliza, and, as an inducement, he promised to give her a house and lot and good support, with $1,000 a year for pocket-money. Ann Eliza's father jumped at the bait, and shortly after Ann Eliza did the same, and found herself hooked. It is probable that she then commenced to look down upon the other girls and to give herself airs, but they were of short duration. She soon found out that her husband was both false and fickle, and that there were sixteen other she's to receive his favors before her. She never saw the house and lot, nor the good support, nor the thousand a year. Whenever he saw her he used very insulting and vulgar language to her. He never took her to the theatre. He never ate with her. He never allowed her to go to the store and run up a bill. She was obliged to witness his affection for his favorites and not open her mouth. He no longer walked home from meeting with her. In a word, she appeared in the catalogue as No. 17, and that was all. There was a skeleton in her closet, and in fifteen other closets also, and that skeleton was Amelia, the favorite wife. He showed attentions to Amelia. He took Amelia to the theatre to see the Gentile actors. He allowed Amelia to run up bills in Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Establishment. Amelia prepared his breakfasts for him, and Amelia got a new gown or a set of jewelry whenever she wanted it. In fact, Amelia did what she pleased, and the reason was that Amelia had a will and a way of her own, and was a virago who had mysterious ways of convincing Brigham that he had better humor her, if he had any regard for his health, and who, by the same processes, also persuaded the other wives to cling very small, and stay at home, and not bother the old gentleman. Whenever it happened, as it sometimes did, on rare occasions, that Brigham refused her any little favor, then she commenced a systematic breakage of dishes and furniture, which she industriously kept up until the old gentleman was willing to come down. In a word, Amelia monopolized him, and thus made it very monotonous and uninteresting for the rest, especially for Ann Eliza, who not only had to make way for Amelia, but also for the other fifteen.

In view of all this, it is not surprising that Ann Eliza should feel badly. One may well ask, Of what use Brigham is to Ann Eliza as a husband? A husband is supposed to provide his wife with a home, to support her, to buy her bonnets, and gowns, and rings, and pins, to furnish her with pocket-money, to take her to the theatre, to sit at the head of the family pew, and to love and cherish her and take a paternal interest in the children, &c., &c. But, as far as any of these privileges are concerned, Ann Eliza might as well have a husband living in Kamschatka.

It is a hard case. Ann Eliza is a disappointed, miserable woman, no doubt, and this old reprobate of 73 winters, who stands in the nominal relation of husband to her, ought to be compelled at least to make good his promise with which he enticed her when they walked home from meeting together at the Little Cottonwood. We do not see, however, that the courts can afford her any relief in the premises, as she herself has violated the laws of the land in marrying and cohabiting with Brigham Young. Her surest remedy is to follow the example of Amelia and break things. If Amelia can have her own way by presenting Brigham with broken crockery, Ann Eliza can also do the same. We can see no other way out of her troubles, especially as whatever Ann Eliza may testify Brigham can produce a cloud of witnesses who will swear to the contrary, and, in addition, convict her of all the crimes in the calendar.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES AND LAND-GRANTS.

Congress has given away about 190,000,000 acres of the public domain in the way of subsidizing railroad, canal, and other corporations, and less than 150,000,000 acres for all purposes of education. This comparison naturally suggests the justice of making future land-grants, if there are to be any, to the cause of education, especially as the last census shows that twenty out of every 100 persons in the country over the age of 10 years can neither read nor write. But if there are to be Congressional land-grants for educational purposes, the people have an interest in seeing that they shall not be as recklessly misapplied and as grossly misused as they have been in subsidizing private corporations under the pretense of contributing to the public good. A measure was introduced into the last Congress, which came very near passing, that proposed to give all the residue of the public lands, now valued at about $90,000,000, to the Agricultural Colleges in the various States. The lands were to be sold and one-half the proceeds given to the Trustees of the Agricultural Colleges outright. The other half was to be invested in United States bonds for the benefit of the Colleges. If the proceeds from the sale amounted to only $74,000,000, the Trustees of every Agricultural College would have the handling of $1,000,000, and every College would be in the annual receipt of $50,000 income from the interest on United States bonds over and above this. As a matter of course, a project of this kind enlisted an enterprising lobby, composed mainly of the Presidents, Trustees, and Professors of the various Agricultural Colleges, who nearly succeeded in securing the passage of the bill. A timely protest from some of the more prominent educators of the country, and the popular sentiment against the wholesale distribution of the public lands, caused the whole scheme to be laid over at the very close of the session.

It is not at all improbable, however, that this or some other similar scheme to obtain the grant of all the public lands for the benefit of Agricultural Colleges will be brought before the next Congress. It was this prospect, no doubt, that induced President McCosh, of Princeton College, to present the subject to the National Educational Association at its recent session in Elmira, N. Y. The injustice of the scheme was painfully illustrated in his address. He evidently believes, as a good many other people do, that the Agricultural Colleges do not accomplish the results which were promised. He has found that, in Scotland, where farming has reached a high state of excellence, agriculture is promoted by associations, lectures, and periodical publications, but not by colleges. There are only six agricultural institutions in Germany, and President McCosh testifies from personal inspection that some of them are very feeble institutions. The fact is that the Agricultural Colleges of this country, which have had such generous contributions from National and State Governments and private sources, have as yet done nothing to justify their claim to further aid. Cornell University only graduated two agricultural students; some of the institutions have had no agricultural graduates. Under the Congressional act of 1862, 30,000 acres of land were granted for every Senator and Representative in Congress, or 9,600,000 acres in all. From the States that have already appropriated their share, and devoted the proceeds, along with important contributions received from other sources, to Agricultural Colleges, Prof. Atherton estimates that eighteen of these new institutions have an aggregate fund, excluding Cornell College, of $8,273,382. While nothing has yet been accomplished which entitles them to further aid in discrimination against all other educational institutions, there have been some cases where the money has been actually misappropriated. The proposition, therefore, to divide all the public lands among the States, before they have shown any return for what they have already been given them, is simply preposterous. Cornell University is in no sense an Agricultural College. It is a University. Yet it has received $900,000 from former allotments of the public domain, simply because it was established under the conditions prescribed by Congress. Admitting that it has great excellence, why, asks President McCosh, should it receive half a million or a million more, while Amherst, and Harvard, and Princeton receive nothing? He makes the point that, while the Government pampers one institution in the State, it is doing all that lies in its power to weaken the others. Moreover, it is not likely that another institution like Cornell will grow up under all the $90,000,000 which it is proposed to give to Agricultural Colleges. It is more likely that a large share of this money would be squandered and stolen.

While President McCosh protests against the discriminating endowment of Agricultural Colleges on the score of injustice and inequality, he does not ask for a distribution of the lands among the Colleges and Universities generally. He thinks that the funds can be used to better advantage. For the Northern, the Middle, and the Western States, he suggests that the money should be used to endow upper schools, where they are needed, by districts, or by a combination of two or more districts, on condition that each district shall raise an amount of money equal to the allotment of the public funds. One of the advantages of this plan would be to encourage private contributions for educational purposes. The special advantage would be the provision of a middle class of schools, of a polytechnic character, higher than the elementary or common schools now well established and sustained, and less exacting than the Colleges and Universities. These schools should include instruction in every useful branch of study suited to young men and women under 18 years of age, and should be open to all children, rich and poor, who have passed the elementary grades of instruction. President McCosh believes that the Colleges would be indirectly benefited by these schools, which would furnish ample preparation for those who desire to take a University course. The cause of education would be still more largely benefited, as they would furnish the opportunities for a thorough literary and scientific schooling to those who do not possess the means to go to Colleges. For the Southern States he proposes a different application of their share of the money, as better suited to their wants. Outside the large cities in the South, the facilities even for elementary education are very meagre. President McCosh proposes that one-half of their share of the money shall go toward aiding the establishment of common schools, and the other half be devoted, as in the North, to the higher schools. The plan which President McCosh proposes will devote the public land-grants for educational purposes to the highest and the lowest branches. No intelligent man can fail to recognize its superiority over the Agricultural College system. The best way, however, to dispose of the public lands is to give them to actual settlers under the Homestead law.

CONSUMPTION OF FOOD SINCE 1840.

In 1840, according to the census, we produced 84,823,272 bushels of wheat, and 615,525,303 bushels of all cereals. Treasury reports show that we imported 503 bushels of wheat and 2,046 bushels of all cereals, and exported 1,720,860 bushels of wheat, 1,897,501 barrels of flour, and 13,199,049 bushels of all cereals. There remained and were consumed 75,814,907 bushels of wheat, or 4 31-100 bushels *per capita*, and 602,328,329 bushels of all cereals, or 35 21-100 bushels *per capita*. From similar data, it appears that in 1850 we consumed of wheat 91,201,811 bushels, or 3.65 *per capita*, and of all cereals, 853,358,475 bushels, or 36.8 bushels *per capita*. Again, in 1860, we consumed 155,891,091 bushels of wheat, or 4 95-100 *per capita*, and of all cereals, 1,216,171,091, or 38 68-100 bushels *per capita*.

Thus it appears that there was a large increase in the consumption of wheat and cereals during the two decades preceding the War. During the last especially—the decade of unbroken low duties—this increase was over one bushel of wheat to each inhabitant, and nearly two bushels of all cereals. So large a part of the consumption of cereals other than wheat is in the making of animal food that, in the absence of data as to the number of animals so consumed, it is fair to infer that the entire consumption of food from our own farms and cattle-yards was at each period proportioned to the quantity of cereals consumed. The increase during the two decades from 1840 to 1860, and especially during the last, corresponds with the remarkable improvement which we know occurred in the condition of the laboring classes in this country during that time.

In 1870, the quantity of wheat produced was 235,884,700 bushels, of which 181,473,015 were consumed, or only 4.60 bushels *per capita*. Again, in 1871, only 4.74 bushels *per capita* were consumed. In these years the quantity was less than it had been in 1860. As it is possible, however, that a surplus may have remained from the enormous crop of 1869—of which, separately considered, the apparent consumption was 6.05 bushels *per capita*—it will be more fair to take the average of the three years as the consumption of each, namely, 5.13 bushels *per capita*. But this shows an increase of only 18-100 of a bushel since 1860,—a result not very satisfactory when compared with the gain of more than one bushel during the preceding decade of unprotected labor. It may, however, be presumed that the use of some other grain in place of wheat had increased, or that animal food had been substituted for vegetable. But it does not so appear. On the contrary, the entire consumption of all cereals was 1,530,811,523 bushels in 1869, 1,564,221,359 bushels in 1870, and 1,461,281,396 bushels in 1871, and the average *per capita* for the three years was only 36.79 bushels *per capita*,—less, by nearly two bushels to each person, than it was in 1860. Neither can it be supposed that potatoes were substituted, for of that vegetable we consumed 4.8 bushels in 1860, and only 3.4 bushels *per capita* for the three years 1869-71. Of cereals and potatoes we consumed in 1860 43¼ bushels to each person, and in 1869-71 only 40 1-5 bushels. It may be added that the consumption of butter decreased from 14½ lbs to 13¼ lbs *per capita* during the same period. Whereas the consumption of food increased 2¼ bushels to each person from 1850 to 1860, under a system of taxation designed to aid labor only by removing its burdens, it decreased about 3¼ bushels to each person from 1860 to 1870, under a system called protective. The conclusion seems unavoidable that the condition of the laboring class, which confirms the great majority of consumers, has not been improved, but, on the contrary, has so deteriorated during the last decade that, for the first time in the history of this young, fertile, and prosperous country, the consumption of food has actually been reduced.

Yet one class of laborers, and that a large one, has been emancipated from slavery during this period. Four millions of consumers, formerly supplied by masters whose profits depended upon economy in the subsistence of their labor, have been set to care for themselves without habits of economy, or experience in the need of it. The wages now earned by them would supply far more than their former consumption, and it is the universal testimony that they are not yet thrifty, as a class, but wasteful, and prone to indulge their desires and appetites, as would be natural to a people so long enslaved and so recently enfranchised.

Another fact renders this reduction of consumption still more strange. The aggregate wealth of the country has greatly increased,—so greatly that, even when the fictitious overstatement resulting from a fictitious currency is reduced to gold values, there remains for every man, woman, and child in the country $500 in gold against $451 in 1860 (slaves not counted as property). If this increased wealth had been equally distributed, an enormous increase of consumption must have resulted. Even if it had been distributed in the same proportion as the wealth of the country in 1860, it is plain that the consumption of food must have generally advanced in consequence of the greater ability of the great majority of consumers for satisfying their desires. That the consumption of food has not increased, even though four millions of former slaves have been liberated, and seven thousand millions added to the wealth of the country, only proves that since 1860 we have been piling up wealth for the few, without improving the condition of the many. It proves that the great majority of consumers have been growing poorer, less able to satisfy even the simplest wants. Nor will it escape notice that this has occurred in a country blessed with cheap land, cheap food, and for institutions which stimulate enterprise and industry to the utmost. Surely, every candid observer will admit, the distribution of wealth must have been affected by some artificial influence in a most remarkable manner, if, notwithstanding the wealth of the wealthy has so vastly increased, and four millions of persons have also been liberated from servitude, the quantity of food consumed *per capita* has decreased.

The notorious "Father Ignatius" has got himself into trouble in England. Some weeks ago, he fell in with a boy about 17 years of age, the son of a London merchant named Todd, who had got an idea in his head that he should like to be a monk. "Father Ignatius" helped the boy to run away from home, and took him to his monastery in Wales. The boy then wrote to his father telling him what he had done, whereupon the father sought to obtain an interview with his son, but was prevented by "Father Ignatius." The father then bought £100 in consols and invested them in his son's name in the Court of Chancery, thus making his son the ward of the Court, and then prayed the Court to look after the interests of its ward, which it proceeded to do in a very summary manner. The Vice-Chancellor issued an order directing "Father Ignatius" to produce the boy, which he avoided for several days. The Court at last sent officers to the monastery, who took both "Father Ignatius" and the boy into court, where the boy was given to his father. The Court then administered a severe reproof to the pseudo monk, closing it with the information that if this offense was ever repeated, in the case of the boy Todd or any other boy, "Father Ignatius" would find himself in one of the prisons of the Court. "Father Ignatius," whose real name is Mr. Lyne, was, it will be remembered, a deacon of the English Church, who set himself up in the monastic business, and was thereupon cast off by his own Church and has never been recognized by any other. He is at present running two convents,—one of women near London and the other of men in Wales,—without any authority from any source.

The August shower of meteors was not a brilliant success, as seen from Chicago; principally for want of a clear sky. But a goodly number must have been visible from the suburban towns, as fully twenty were seen in the space of one hour on Sunday evening from amid the smoke of the city. As usual with the August meteors, they radiated from a point in the constellation Perseus, not far from the wonderful variable star called Algol, or the demon star.

There was, however, a noteworthy exception to the general rule. A little past 10 o'clock, an unusually bright meteor passed slowly through the constellation Ophiucus, dying out very nearly in the direction of Unukalhay. It left a brilliant light in its trail, which was visible for several seconds. The meteor was passing toward the sun, in a prolonged elliptic orbit, and skimmed through our atmosphere without falling to the earth. A rough calculation made at the time led to the conclusion that the earth's attraction deflected the meteor from its original path so much as to cause it to proceed in nearly a right line towards the sun, instead of pursuing an orbit around him. The probability is, therefore, that our earth has virtually destroyed the identity of the meteor, though unable to appropriate its matter to herself; and that the hitherto wanderer will, a few days hence, fall into the central body of our system, generating heat by the concussion, which will in some means compensate for the gradual waste of sun energy in lighting and warming the bodies that circle around him.

NOTES AND OPINION.

The Maine Democratic Convention is to be held in Portland, to-day. The People's State Convention will be held at Bangor, Thursday.

—There is a rumor in Boston that the old-time Abolition agitator, Francis W. Bird, the last year's Greeley candidate for Governor of Massachusetts, will now seek reaffiliation with the Republican party for the purpose of aiding Ben Butler; not, it is said, that he loves Ben, but that he dislikes all such as Dawes, and the Hoars, and the weak-backed salary-grabbers generally, who have made it impossible that Butler can be killed off, this year, without glory and aggrandizement to themselves. In this connection we quote from the *Boston Globe*:

> Some time ago, the Springfield *Republican* proposed that a large portion of the strength of the Democratic party of Massachusetts would be given in favor of Butler. The Boston *Post*, which "ought to know," retorted to the effect that the influence of the Democrats would no sooner be given for Butler than would that of the Republican itself. Both, the Springfield paper insists that if "certain things take place, the Post will be in a way to add to its stock of political information before election day.

—The Boston papers have been curiously silent since Butler's broadside. The New Haven (Conn.) *Palladium*, however, says:

> It is a very lively document; and, whatever may be the opinion of his action in the matter, he certainly has succeeded in making it very hot for a number of his colleagues in Massachusetts who are now opposing him, and to whom he pays his respects in his usual manner. Nor will, we think, the religious press of Boston find it very comfortable reading, for he succeeds in showing by sworn testimony that it is not above selling its influence in return for subscriptions to Sunday-school funds. We observe, by the way, that the Boston press makes no attempt to answer his arguments. Perhaps this is quite as well.

—The Brooklyn (N. Y.) *Eagle*, commenting on Butler's act of Congress, says:

> There was a time when we preferred an out-and-out offender to a sneaking one, like George F. Hoar. But Butler has thrown a new light on the element of square rascality, and we "rather guess" it is Lowell product. He is quoted as a man who does not feel any humbug to virtue by being a hypocrite to it. We only know he is a "regular black-guard" and he might be proud of it.

—The Clinton (Iowa) *Herald*, which is also Postmaster, indignantly spurns the idea that Grant will continue to keep the Presidential office incumbiously, and says:

> Should the time ever come for Gen. Grant to speak emphatically on the point, it will be found that he will spurn the idea. . . . Journals affect to treat the matter seriously, evidently for the purpose of making capital against the Republican party by creating the impression that it is an organization aiming to favor despotic notions.

—Col. Robert Tyler, son of the former President, and editor of the Montgomery (Ala.) *Advertiser*, puts this prediction in type: "In less than four years the probabilities are that Ulysses S. Grant will walk to the seashore or mount a throne."

—The Pittsburgh *Evening Telegraph*, edited by President Grant's District Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, shows pluck in being the very first paper in this region to come out and defend the President's action in regard to the back-pay, front-pay, and increased pay of Government officials.—*Pittsburgh Post.*

—While conventions of all parties in the Northern States have almost uniformly denounced the salary-grab, the carpet-bag States have acted in equal uniformity and recognized for and endorsed the swindle. This is not surprising. The characters received into Congress as representatives from that section, are the mere scum and refuse of society, to whom an honest act would be held a matter of profound astonishment. The wonder with them is not that their associates took so much, but that they were content with less than the entire contents of the Treasury, when they had nothing to do but to say "aye" to get it.—*St. Paul Pioneer.*

—Congressman Platt, whose autograph on the yellow wrappers of political documents has blockaded every newspaper office in the country down to the death of the franking privilege, came to the surface in the Virginia Republican Convention the other day, where he appeared as an humble follower of Ben Butler and Matt Carpenter in defense of the salary-grab. Mr. Platt, we know, is a lawyer, is remembered by both as having emigrated to Pittsburgh, Va., got into Congress, served his constituency by acting as Frankmaster-General to the Washington politicians. He drew his back-pay, however, and it was this that brought him to the front in the recent Convention. He simply wished to remark that he "voted six times for the steal, and then took pay for the money, of course." Under the same circumstances we would do so, too.—*Ingenuous, exalted Platt!—Cleveland Leader.*

—Both political parties have substantially read out the back-salary Congressmen. Through this means the Democracy of Ohio will lose the stump services, this year, of Lewis D. Campbell, Cumberland Gap Morgan, Philadelph Van Trump, Frank McKinney, Charles N. Lamison, and Gary J. Dobbs.—*Boston (O.) Journal.*

—Well, these citizens can go fishing this campaign with Aaron F. Perry, Job E. Stevenson, John A. Smith, Samuel Shellabarger, John Beatty, R. D. Peck, W. P. Sprague, J. F. Wilson, John A. Bingham, and Jacob A. Ambler, all Republican members of Congress from Ohio, who pocketed the "grab."—*Cleveland Plaindealer.*

—The salary of Stephen A. Hurlbut, Congressman-elect from this district, from the 4th of March up to the 4th of August, under the new Salary bill, was $2,125. Although he has not yet entered upon the discharge of his duties, the money is paid him every month at the rate of $425 per month. Is there another man in the district who makes as much by consistent labor?—*Aurora (Ill.) Herald.*

—The Belleville *Democrat* publishes a long editorial denouncing Congressmen who are taking forward pay. Quite right; but will the *Democrat* be kind enough to inform us whether the Hon. Wm. R. Morrison draws his $625 a month regularly; and if so, whether he will refund it in case the law is repealed?—*Belleville (Ill.) Advocate.*

—It is a big blot upon the history of the time this whole Congressional salary business is, and the worst of it is that it don't end with Congress. Successful grand larceny provokes numberless attempts at petty larceny, and up and down the land, in municipal affairs, Legislatures and Boards will levy their wrongful contributions upon the public treasury, and, when called to account, will set up the defense that greater knavery than theirs has been practiced and been unpunished. Catch the big rascals, they will say. Learn to steal alone until a President and Congress have been punished. Nothing is plainer than that ten times the amount of stealing involved in this Congressional salary bill will be done, in minor offices and positions and because of it, if something is not done to show that such gigantic fraud cannot be perpetrated with perfect impunity.—*Terre Haute (Ind.) Gazette.*

—Men who hitherto have been operating with the different political organizations, engaging with all the earnestness and bitterness engendered by party differences, have buried the hatchet, and are ready and willing to join hands in wrong-doing and wrong-doers wherever found. This, I take it, is ominous of good. . . . It is a law of nature that the stream cannot be purer nor rise higher than its fountain; then we Patrons are charged with the momentous work of purifying the fountain—even the people themselves—until we can see to it that no man who legislates who people's money into his own pocket, or betrays public trust in any way whatsoever, is a worse criminal than he who steals a horse or robs a bank.—*A Kansas Patron.*

—Experience demonstrates daily the fact that misfortunes befall the country when incompetent men are elected to office. Our own country at the present time gives unmistakable proof of this great fact, and all over the nation the people are suffering from either the dishonesty or the incapacity of public officers, and in many instances from both. . . . We must have reform. The country cannot stand this ceaseless drain upon its resources. There must

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COMMON COUNCIL.

Ex-Alderman Bateham Nominated for Fire-Marshal.

The Report on the Plans Sent Back to the Committee.

An Ordinance to Mitigate the Steam-Whistle Nuisance.

The Council held a regular meeting yesterday evening, Ald. Woodman in the chair. Present, Aldermen Dixon, Warren, McGenniss, Cooy, Matson, Sidwell, Stone, Pickering, Tracey, Schmitz, Cullerton, McClowry, Clowry, Bailey, Powell, O'Brien, Clark, Sweet, Kehoe, Hoyt, Miner, Sherwood, Moore, Cleveland, Doyle, McGrath, Eckhardt, Stout, Mahr, Lenehan, Schaffner, Carney, Cannon, Ogden, Beidek, Woodman.

LIVERY TEAMS.

The Mayor returned, without his approval, the ordinance requiring livery people to take out licenses for their double teams, and put the number conspicuously on their lamps, on the ground that this last provision meets with general objection, and he believes the ordinance would be equally as well or better without it.

Ald. Cullerton moved to file the veto, on the ground that it had not been sent in by the Mayor early enough,—it should have been presented at the last meeting.

The point was argued at great length, and the decision of the Chair that Ald. Cullerton's motion was out of order was sustained—yeas, 19; nays, 15.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance passed was lost—yeas, 15; nays, 22. The veto was placed on file.

THE FIRE MARSHAL.

The Mayor sent in the following communication, which was referred to the Committee on Fire and Water:

GENTLEMEN: By virtue of the authority conferred upon the Mayor, by law, to appoint a Fire-Marshal of the Fire Department of the City of Chicago, to fill the existing vacancy in said office, and respectfully request the concurrence of your honorable body in such appointment.

The office to be filled is one of the greatest importance to the people of Chicago.

In making the selection, I searched earnestly for the best available ability to be had. From the peculiar nature of the duties of the office, did it seem to me advisable to make choice of a person, however well qualified in other respects, who was inexperienced in the art of extinguishing fire, or in the affairs of a great Fire Department. The gentleman whom I will nominate, familiar with all the duties pertaining to the office, knowing every street and almost every house in the city, a practical machinist, a thorough business man, active, cool and courageous, and to whom I have the confidence and esteem of the Fire Department, and the respect and esteem of the citizens. Taking all things into account, I have not after the most serious reflection, been able to present to you for confirmation a better or other name.

PETITIONS.

Petitions were presented and referred for a sidewalk on Eighteenth street, from Wood to Western avenue; against vacating alley in Lot 1, Block 44, Canal Trustees' Subdivision; and for the removal of the railroad tracks on South Clark street.

ORDERS.

The Board of Public Works was ordered to report an ordinance for a sidewalk on Oakley street, from Madison to Harrison; to put in catch-basins on Deering street, near the Chicago & St. Louis crossing; to cause the lumber piles on Beach street, between Twelfth and Taylor, to be removed.

SANITARY SUPERINTENDENT.

Ald. Tracy offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The communication of His Honor the Mayor appointing Dr. Ben C. Miller Sanitary Superintendent assumes to appoint the said Miller for the term of two years as the Board of Health, and

Whereas, The Sanitary Superintendent has been heretofore appointed only by the Board of Health from the members of said Board,

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and he is hereby instructed to report his opinion in writing to this Council, at its next regular meeting, whether the Mayor has power to appoint the Sanitary Superintendent for more than one year, or for more than the unexpired term of Dr. J. B. Rauch.

GAS.

Ald. Stout offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Gaslights:

WHEREAS, There is doubt whether the Common Council has authority to execute a contract for more than the specified amount of one year appropriation, therefore

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and he is hereby directed to report at the next regular meeting, whether the contract of May 31, 1869, with the Chicago Gas Light and Coke Company for five years is binding on all the subsequent nine Councils who appropriate annually for gas bills, and whether this Council could annul or amend said contract.

LAMPS.

Orders directing the Board of Public Works to prepare ordinances for lamp-posts on Thirty-third street, from the South Park to Vernon avenue; and on Vernon avenue, from Thirty-third to Thirty-seventh street; and on Eighteenth street, from Canalport avenue to Halsted street.

COURT-HOUSE PLANS.

The report of the Joint Committee awarding the premiums for Court-House plans, was taken up.

Ald. Sidwell moved to concur in the report of the Committee.

Ald. Stone moved to recommit the report of the Joint Committee, with instructions to report the probable cost of the three plans which they would recommend to the Council.

Ald. Langacher moved to table it.

The motion was lost—yeas, 12; nays, 25.

Ald. Stone's motion was ruled out of order.

Ald. Sidwell moved to table the report.

Ald. Stone's motion was then put, and carried.

Ald. McGrath moved to amend by substituting Dixon, and it was held to be in order.

Ald. McGrath opposed delay, as useless and costly. It postponed beginning work on the building, but could not change the award made.

Ald. Powell claimed that the information was greatly needed. Besides the Committee might reconsider its action and give Tilly the big premium. He did not like to give the chief premium to one plan, and then build another.

The motion to recommit was agreed to—yeas, 31; nays, 16, as follows:

YEAS—Dixon, Warren, Cooy, Sidwell, Stone, Pickering, Tracey, Cullerton, McClowry, Clowry, Bailey, Powell, O'Brien, Clark, Sweet, Kehoe, Cleveland, Quirk, Carney, Cannon, and Woodman—21.

NAYS—McGenniss, McAvoy, Schmitz, Bond, Heath, Miner, Sherwood, Moore, McGrath, Eckhardt, Stout, Mahr, Lenehan, Schaffner, Ogden and Brand—16.

LAKE STREET BRIDGE.

The Committee on Finance recommended the adoption of the order allowing of the increased expenditure of $7,000 on the approaches to Lake street bridge, and the Council passed an order to that effect and then adjourned.

STEAM WHISTLES.

The Corporation Counsel sent in the following, which was not acted on:

Be it ordained, &c. SECTION 1. That any steamer, or any steam tug-boat having in tow any steamer, canal-boat, vessel, or craft of any kind, desiring to pass through any drawbridge in said city, shall, as a signal for the opening of such bridge, give three short, sharp, distinct blasts or whistles of the steam-whistle.

SECTION 2. No steamer or steam tug-boat shall blow any steam-whistle for any purpose whatever while lying at a anchor, or at any wharf, or dock in said city, or when approaching or leaving said wharf or dock, or when remaining in the Chicago River, or any of the branches in said city, except when absolutely necessary as a signal of danger, or in cases and under circumstances prescribed by the laws and regulations of the United States relating to the use of such whistles, and except as provided in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. For each violation of Section 2 hereof, and for each failure to comply with Section 1 hereof, a penalty of $20 and costs shall be incurred, which penalty may be collected of the master of such steamer or tug-boat of steam-tug, or off the engineer, assistant engineer, or the owner or owners thereof, provided that it shall be competent for the master, or engineer, or assistant engineer to show, in defense, that the blowing on the failure to give such bridge-opening signals, was done by him without his knowledge or consent, and in the absence from the vessel.

SUICIDE.

BARTHEL HOLLOW, Grand Co., Wis., Aug. 9, 1873.
To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Much excitement was caused in this little village this morning by the report of the suicide of Dr. James Birdsall, who has been a resident of the village for the past five years. Dr. Birdsall retired, as usual, last evening, to his room in the Union Hotel, after a quiet smoke with one of his fellow-townsmen. Not appearing at the breakfast-table this morning, Mr. Alex. Tye, a merchant of his acquaintance, went to his room, and found it barred. On breaking it open, his suspicions of suicide were confirmed by finding the Doctor on the floor, near his bed, his throat badly cut, and a pool of thickly-clotted blood by his side. The deed was committed by an instrument from the Doctor's pocket-knife, and probably near midnight. Immediately on hearing of the affair, I visited the scene of the suicide, and conversed with the gentleman with whom Dr. Birdsall had last talked, but could elicit no information as to the cause of the deed. Dr. B. was well-connected in the East, it is said, and leaves a son living in Dubuque, Iowa.

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MIND-READING.

First Public Performance of Mr. Brown, the Iowa Phenomenon—His Successful Interpretation of the Thoughts of Others—Finding Articles Hidden Outside the Room, and Other Wonderful Feats.

The wonders performed by the young Iowan, Brown, since his arrival in Chicago, besides the natural pleasure which their apparently almost supernatural qualities produce, will prove an interesting study for our psychologists, be their peculiar tendency either materialistic or spiritualistic. Just the exact line where the material in man ends and the spiritual begins is as little known at the present day as it was when the ancients first began to plague themselves with speculations on the subject. That there is something in man which is not material hardly anyone at the present day will deny, but that that something performs or aids in the performance of any function, which is not in itself essentially spiritual, is very doubtful. Year by year ancient dogmas with regard to the working of the more mysterious part of our being are dishonored and shelved; the brain has been divided into mentlim, the peculiar qualities of its various tissues have been duly designated, while, bolder than all, legions of phrenologists wander through civilized lands, and, by feeling the inequalities of the very worst of heads, are willing to assign its owner, on a written chart, from 50 cents upwards, all the virtues in the calendar, with one or two extras thrown in for charity's sake. Phrenology is probably, through its possessing a merchantable value, carried too far by its impecunious devotees; yet that the working of the brain is conducted on a purely materialistic basis, is now-a-days pretty generally allowed. Mr. Brown, as indicated by his mentor in his address to the audience at the Union Park Congregational Church last night, wisely steers clear of both these parties, and allows those who see him perform credit his ability to any agency they have a mind to, thus showing an impartiality which does him credit, and adds to the mystery which lends so peculiar an interest to his performance. After the glowing accounts which the press unanimously gave of Mr. Brown's success as a mind-reader it is not surprising that last night the church before mentioned should contain a very fair audience to see him in public exhibition in this city. After the playing of a selection from Gounod's "Faust" by the organist of the Church, which was well worth listening to, Mr. Kelly, the mentor of the young mind-reader, was introduced to the audience.

He assured them that the young man he was about to introduce to their notice was neither a necromancer nor a Spiritualist, but was gifted with certain peculiar powers which he would exhibit to the audience. As a boy, his protege was looked upon as a puny fellow, and the discovery of his powers was made accidentally some eight years since, when the casual touching of his forehead by a playfellow caused sparks to emit therefrom and sensations to appear which first led him to feel that he was able to learn the thoughts which were in other brains. He touched upon electricity, magnetism, the odillic force, mesmerism, and other hidden powers, and left the audience to decide of what nature the power of the performer would seem most likely to prove. He said that the powers of Mr. Brown were like that of a magnet which he held in his hand, in that they were stronger in cold weather and increased in strength as more they were exercised. After cautioning persons intending to ask questions or otherwise test the powers of Mr. Brown that persons whose left arm was broken or who were partially intoxicated could not have their minds read, Mr. Kelly called upon the audience to form a committee to oversee the various tests. This was soon done, and Mr. Brown was introduced to the audience.

The first test was that of finding an article hid outside of the room. A gentleman known to the committee announced that he had secreted an object, and he was immediately introduced to Mr. Brown. The latter took his left hand in his own and placed his right hand on the gentleman's forehead, letting it rest there for a few moments; then he took the gentleman's right hand and held it to his own forehead. Passing but for a moment, he shot rapidly with the tester towards the back door of the church. After a few moments' suspense the audience were pleased to see the gentleman return, his face radiant with smiles, and twirling a small locket in his hand. This he had hid in the basement of the church, and to it the blindfolded Brown led him quite as straight and perhaps a little faster than he could have wished to the hidden object. Then he led a gentleman to the tip of a chandelier of which he was thinking, found a silver quarter hid under a table, discovered a knife in a gentleman's hat, a small piece of paper under a pin-cushion, and wound up the first series of tests by pulling a watch-key out of the tester's mouth.

All of these tests, with one exception, were successful, and that partially so, and as the young fellow succeeded in winning each of the games of hide-and-seek, the audience greeted him with applause. During the evening many gentlemen asked Mr. Kelly questions regarding the powers of the performer, which were all answered very readily and in a manner which fully satisfied the audience. After a rest, during which Mr. Kelly addressed the audience with a short dissertation, Mr. Brown spelled out upon an alphabet placed against the wall, the names of places in the minds of two gentlemen, one of the trials, however, being rather a failure, but quite set off by his spelling out the outlandish word "Barambole," a town in Barambole. The final triumph of the young mind-reader was the locating of a pain in a man's head, which led to a nicety, indicating the exact spot where the trouble lay. During the meeting the audience expressed a wish to have the performance repeated, and, in accession to the desire, the same feats will be performed in the same place Thursday evening next, when Mr. Kelly will further enlighten the audience upon the nature of his protege's powers.

CANDIDATES FOR ACTING MAYOR.

The question as to who shall be Acting Mayor when Mr. Medill takes his departure, which will be in a couple of weeks, is now greatly disturbing the souls of the Aldermen. It is a complex business, since practically the Council elects and the Mayor confirms, for the latter will not go unless his successor is perfectly satisfactory to him. The three most prominent candidates are Ald. McGrath, Bond, and Dixon, the first of whom, if he runs, which is not certain, can count on fourteen votes, and his competitors on thirteen each. The influence of the Mayor is all on the side of Bond, who will accept the position, but who is not personally working for it. Dixon's hope is that if McGrath does not try for the place his friends will support him (Dixon) in preference to Bond, and this is most likely correct. If Bond cannot get it, the Mayor would probably prefer Heath. He has declared that, if Mr. McGrath is elected, he will sit in his chair till December, and will do the same thing if several others are successful. Whether he will remain a fixture, if Ald. Dixon is elected, has not yet been officially promulgated. This determination on the part of the Mayor has irritated many of the Aldermen, and has a tendency to alienate votes from Bond.

THE TEMPERATURE.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.

The range of temperature this day, as reported by L. Manasse, optician, 23 West Madison street, every half-hour, is as follows:

FAHRENHEIT.			
7 a. m.	77	1 p. m.	94
7:30 a. m.	77	1:30 p. m.	90
8 a. m.	78	2 p. m.	90
8:30 a. m.	80	2:30 p. m.	90
9 a. m.	84	3 p. m.	89
9:30 a. m.	86	3:30 p. m.	88
10 a. m.	87	4 p. m.	89
10:30 a. m.	88	4:30 p. m.	89
11 a. m.	89	5 p. m.	86
11:30 a. m.	90	5:30 p. m.	83
12 m.	92	6 p. m.	80
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TO-DAY'S RACES.

There will be two races at Dexter Park to-day, one for $200 and another for $100; the contestants being animals owned by citizens, who will make them go for all that's in them, and create a good deal of fun. Following is the programme:

FIRST RACE.

M. Daffey's s. g. Fill Sheridan.
John Kleinman's b. g. George.
E. W. Snell's b. g. Dan.
Schofield's b. g. Sleepy Dick.
W. N. Hart'er. g. Goodenough.
W. J. Dewey's b. g. Sleepy Dan.
Owner's bl. g. Black Prince.

SECOND RACE.

Bryan Waldron's b. g. Driver.
John Cullen's b. s. Bricktown.

PHYSICIANS IN COUNCIL.

The Doctors' Experience of Cholera Morbus and Cognate Diseases—Difference of Opinion as to the Character of the Prevailing Epidemic—Health of the City.

There was a regular meeting of the Chicago Society of Physicians and Surgeons last evening, at the Orphan Asylum, on Michigan avenue, near Twenty-second street, Dr. A. Fisher presiding. The names of the following physicians were proposed for admission to the Society: Dr. C. W. Curtis, Dr. B. J. Perry, and Dr. L. N. Danforth.

On motion, the papers on surgery were postponed to permit the reading of the papers on cholera.

Dr. W. M. Boyd presented a map of localities where cases of cholera had occurred under his notice. He first cited the case of an Irishman living at No. 945 Butterfield street. The man was taken at about 4 o'clock, and, when seen by Dr. Boyd, was in a state of collapse. He died in about six hours, and was buried the next day by his son, who rode to the grave on the corpse. The son was taken at 4 o'clock, and died at 11 in the evening, and the mother died of the same complaint the following day. Dr. Boyd also referred to the case of a brakeman, who had not gone into any of the infected houses, nor had any intercourse with any of the families attacked by the disease, but who had passed one of the houses several times and had undoubtedly taken it from the discharges thrown out promiscuously in the street and gutters.

Dr. Jackson also knew of cases where the discharges had been thrown out and left exposed.

An emigrant family moved into the house and three of them died. In continuing the lecture, Dr. Boyd showed a well-defined connection between all the cases attended by him since June 9, amounting to seventy in all, and the first cases occurring at No. 945 Butterfield street. Dr. Boyd stated that there had been in all thirty-six deaths in the city from this disease, of which seventeen were his cases. Wherever he had been called early, nearly all recovered, but where he had not been called until the state of collapse had ensued, only about 5 per cent recovered. The localities embraced in Dr. Boyd's practice, are bounded by Thirty-seventh, Burnside, Forty-second, and Wentworth streets, about twenty-five blocks in all.

Dr. M. W. Wood read an extended and important paper upon the various symptoms and treatments in cholera cases, and gave a very full and gratifying account of his own success. It is not surprising that last night the church before mentioned should contain a very fair audience to see him in public exhibition in this city. After the playing of a selection from Gounod's "Faust" by the organist of the Church, which was well worth listening to, Mr. Kelly, the mentor of the young mind-reader, was introduced to the audience.

He assured them that the young man he was about to introduce to their notice was neither a necromancer nor a Spiritualist, but was gifted with certain peculiar powers which he would exhibit to the audience. As a boy, his protege was looked upon as a puny fellow, and the discovery of his powers was made accidentally some eight years since, when the casual touching of his forehead by a playfellow caused sparks to emit therefrom and sensations to appear which first led him to feel that he was able to learn the thoughts which were in other brains. He touched upon electricity, magnetism, the odillic force, mesmerism, and other hidden powers, and left the audience to decide of what nature the power of the performer would seem most likely to prove. He said that the powers of Mr. Brown were like that of a magnet which he held in his hand, in that they were stronger in cold weather and increased in strength as more they were exercised. After cautioning persons intending to ask questions or otherwise test the powers of Mr. Brown that persons whose left arm was broken or who were partially intoxicated could not have their minds read, Mr. Kelly called upon the audience to form a committee to oversee the various tests. This was soon done, and Mr. Brown was introduced to the audience.

The first test was that of finding an article hid outside of the room. A gentleman known to the committee announced that he had secreted an object, and he was immediately introduced to Mr. Brown. The latter took his left hand in his own and placed his right hand on the gentleman's forehead, letting it rest there for a few moments; then he took the gentleman's right hand and held it to his own forehead. Passing but for a moment, he shot rapidly with the tester towards the back door of the church. After a few moments' suspense the audience were pleased to see the gentleman return, his face radiant with smiles, and twirling a small locket in his hand. This he had hid in the basement of the church, and to it the blindfolded Brown led him quite as straight and perhaps a little faster than he could have wished to the hidden object. Then he led a gentleman to the tip of a chandelier of which he was thinking, found a silver quarter hid under a table, discovered a knife in a gentleman's hat, a small piece of paper under a pin-cushion, and wound up the first series of tests by pulling a watch-key out of the tester's mouth.

All of these tests, with one exception, were successful, and that partially so, and as the young fellow succeeded in winning each of the games of hide-and-seek, the audience greeted him with applause. During the evening many gentlemen asked Mr. Kelly questions regarding the powers of the performer, which were all answered very readily and in a manner which fully satisfied the audience. After a rest, during which Mr. Kelly addressed the audience with a short dissertation, Mr. Brown spelled out upon an alphabet placed against the wall, the names of places in the minds of two gentlemen, one of the trials, however, being rather a failure, but quite set off by his spelling out the outlandish word "Barambole," a town in Barambole. The final triumph of the young mind-reader was the locating of a pain in a man's head, which led to a nicety, indicating the exact spot where the trouble lay. During the meeting the audience expressed a wish to have the performance repeated, and, in accession to the desire, the same feats will be performed in the same place Thursday evening next, when Mr. Kelly will further enlighten the audience upon the nature of his protege's powers.

THE CITY IN BRIFF.

Six new Professors have been added to the staff of the Northwestern University.

David Cole was placed under $500 bonds yesterday, by Justice Austin, to keep the peace, especially toward Elliott Durand.

Henry Pease's residence, No. 503 North Clark street, was entered by burglars, at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, and robbed of $360, in jewelry and clothing.

The propeller New Era brought to this port, on Sunday afternoon, a raft of 500,000 feet of logs, from Ludington. The logs are to be used in the construction of bridges.

A little child, two years old, of Peter Salmundson's, No. 272 West Erie street, was suffocated in bed yesterday morning. A verdict of accidental death was rendered at the inquest.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Union Catholic Library Association will be held in the library room, southwest corner of State and Monroe streets, at 8 o'clock this evening.

Michael Garey, of No. 622 Wentworth avenue, fell dead in his barn at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Yesterday a verdict of death from heart disease was rendered by a Coroner's jury.

It is reported that a gang of thieves and loafers can daily be found along the breakwater, at the foot of Lake street, where they make a practice of committing petty larcenies on the clothing of bathers.

In the case of the young man who was killed on Sunday evening by the cars of the Fort Wayne Railway, a verdict of accidental death was rendered at the inquest yesterday. The body was not identified.

Henry Hopkins was foolish enough to steal a gold watch from Fred Bergman, of Lake View, and, as might be expected, was caught by Capt. Forrest. Justice Foster sent him before the Criminal Court under heavy bonds.

The French residents of the city propose to celebrate Sept. 5, the day fixed for the final evacuation of French soil by the Germans, in a fitting manner. There will probably be a banquet at one of the principal hotels.

At half-past 4 o'clock yesterday, two little girls, named Beck, residing at No. 70 West Kinzie street, were thrown from a wagon near their residences, and seriously injured. They were taken to their home by a police officer.

At a recent meeting of Erin's Hope Temperance Association, the following officers were elected: President, Frank Kelly; Vice-President, Henry W. Clark; Treasurer, Thomas Taylor; Financial Secretary, John Forest; Recording Secretary, John Doyle; Directors, P. H. McLogan, John Leonard.

Last Sunday some boys were bathing in a pond near McCormick's Reaper Works, when one of them named Hartnett got beyond his depth, and would have drowned but for the bravery of a little companion, a son of Dr. McKern, who stripped, jumped in and rescued him.

"Brown's" the new and splendid restaurant on Clark and Madison streets will be opened tomorrow. It will be the Delmonico of the West, in many respects be superior to its prototype. Messrs. Wentworth & Woolworth, well-known as the former proprietors of both the Briggs Houses will be in charge and will undoubtedly maintain the renown they have won in the catering line.

Ex-Police Officer Traynor, whose suspension caused the recent disgraceful row at police headquarters, seems to have made some enemies in the course of his official life. Saturday evening, on Deering street, near Lyman, he was assaulted and severely beaten by three men, who left him lying on the road in an insensible condition. One of his brutal assailants was Michael Barron, who Traynor arrested some months ago, and caused to be heavily fined. The others he did not recognize. Traynor was very seriously injured, and will be confined to his bed for some time. His assailants were not arrested.

Two chambermaids created confusion among the employees at the Sherman House, on Sunday morning, by engaging in a free fight. The principals in the encounter were Mary McMahon and Mary Pendleton, and it originated in the fact Pendleton accused McMahon of stealing jewelry. Yesterday morning Justice Banyon fined McMahon, and, in default of the payment of the fine, sent her to the Bridewell.

The additional receipts to date from the "Hospital Day" of the doctors, for the benefit of the Hahnemann Hospital, of this city, are as follows: Dr. G. W. Bowen, Fort Wayne, Ind., $15; Dr. ——— Dal, Chicago, $6.50; Dr. J. J. Gamer, Blue Island, Ill., $3; Dr. F. Roesch, Waukegan, Ill., $5; Drs. Small & Burt, Chicago, $50; Dr. John Keck, Barrington, Ill., $18.25; Dr. A. W. Woodward, Chicago, $42; Dr. L. Merriman, Beloit, Wis., $2; Dr. R. Ludlam, Chicago, $97.

Officer John H. Dilger has a brother-in-law named John H. Rapp, a saloon-keeper on West Randolph street. Dilger remonstrated with Rapp for keeping his saloon open on Sunday, and received in return for the remonstrance a severe pummeling. He secured four brother officers, and, forcing their way into the saloon, they arrested Rapp. The affair was disposed of, but yesterday Rapp showed his revenge by prosecuting the officers for trespass. He swore out a warrant, a capias was issued, and Deputy Sheriff Sharkey, to-day arrested Officers Dilger, G. A. Dewey, Frank Lanyon, Patrick Pinkleib, and M. J. McCabe. They were locked up in the County Jail, presenting a novel sight behind bars. Later in the day they were bailed out.

The property-owners along the line of the new Chicago, Danville & Vincennes Railroad, met yesterday afternoon at the office of Kerr, Davidson & Welch, Mr. J. W. Carrington in the chair. Committees for the towns of Lake and Worth, previously appointed, reported that $121,918 had been raised, and the right of way secured with the exception of half-a-mile through the village of Blue Island, and three-quarters of a mile near the city limits. The Chairman, representing the property-owners, tendered the amount and right of way to the Railroad Company, and they were accepted by Mr. Joseph E. Young, on behalf of the Company. An agreement was entered into for the immediate commencement and early completion of the road.

George W. Ensworth, the young man who shot Vincent B. Lattimere, at No. 126 West Randolph street, on Sunday night, was taken before Justice Scully yesterday morning, and his case continued until Saturday without bail. The victim of his malicious mischief is thought to be less seriously wounded than was supposed. At 6 o'clock last evening, he appeared much better, and his physicians think he will recover. Ensworth regrets, very much, that Lattimere was shot, but is exceedingly sorry that he did kill not the restaurant-keeper. Ensworth is evidently a hardened individual. The person with him, when he did the shooting, is named Leeper, and lives on Bucker street. The arrest of Ensworth was made by Officer Gleason.

It is understood that the movement to have Sunday concerts in Lincoln Park is not in as bad a way as was believed, and that the Commissioners are to be flanked. Mrs. Paesch owns a lot in the Milliman tract, the title to which has not yet been acquired by the Park Commissioners, and the present intention is to plant Mr. Balatka and the musicians upon the lot, and let the strains of the overture which will be audible in a part at least of the Park. Certainly there can be no objection to Mrs. Paesch making this use of her property, and the working people of the North Side will have a chance to hear a little music next Sunday. It is also understood that one or two of the Commissioners are a little disconcerted by this move, and will half decline, since, inside the lot, they will be, that they had better have it under their immediate control.

A meeting of the Police Board was held in their room yesterday afternoon, Commissioner Cleveland, who took the Chair, and Commissioner Sheridan being present. A petition from the Board of Public Works, setting forth that the piles of brick and sewer-pipe located at intervals throughout the city are suffering through the depredation of boys, and requesting the attention of the Police thereto, was referred to Superintendent Washburn. Officers Smith and Bontel were placed on trial on charges of dereliction of duty and disobedience of orders. The charges were preferred by a Constable. Bontel, some time ago, had a replevin writ to serve on a party on the North Side. He testified that the parties upon whom the writ was to be served resisted, and he called upon the two officers in question to assist him. Which they declined to do. His testimony was supported by witnesses. On the other side a number of witnesses swore that the officers were not present at the time of the alight fracas which occurred. The Commissioners decided that the officers were not present at the disturbance, and did right to decline to interfere upon the Constable's asking them to do so. Had he, however, begun to make the arrest himself, they would have been bound to have assisted him. Both officers were acquitted of the charges. The case against Officer Dillon was continued until Friday.

Some slight inaccuracies crept into the report of the fire at Richards, Shaw & Winslow's establishment. It appears, from a statement of a representative of that firm, that the fire took place at 6 in the evening, and not at 10, as stated, and Officer Fenlon had nothing to do with extinguishing the flames. The fire was discovered in the front part of the fifth floor, and was contained in a small box about a foot square. This was thrown out of the window upon State street, but not until the fire had communicated to some cotton-batting, which was extinguished with some little difficulty. The only contents of the box were cotton waste saturated with oil, a substance which is well known, is very liable to spontaneous combustion. The vault-door was opened at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, and had not been closed at the time of the fire. The money-drawer, which had been broken open by the robber, was found in the store at 8 in the morning, empty, having been robbed of $1,200, and the commercial paper which it had contained was picked up in different parts of the building. As soon as the first burst of excitement consequent upon the discovery and extinguishing of the fire died away, the Cashier was sent for, and he arrived by 9 in the evening, and remained on hand until midnight. The firm hardly know yet whether to look upon the act as an attempted arson, or not. The liability of the box's contents to burn spontaneously would set the matter at rest in their minds, were it not that a very large quantity of oil was found on the floor where the lighted box was discovered, so large a quantity, in fact, as to suggest very forcibly that it had been placed there intentionally, and with a sinister object in view.

The New Collar.

The Narragansett Collar Co. are turning out from 75,000 to 100,000 Elmwood and Warwick collars a day. This shows their immense popularity. If you have not worn them, we would advise you to do so.

Don Alphonso and Dona Maria.

Barcelona (July 13) Correspondence of the Manchester Guardian.

Don Alphonso is about 28 years of age, has regular features, dark-brown eyes, slightly-curved nose, and wears a short beard and moustache. His countenance leaves the observer with an unsatisfactory impression of apathetic indolence and weak-mindedness, giving but little promise of energy of action, which contrasting herein strikingly with his fair spouse. The Prince was dressed with extreme simplicity, wearing a short black coat and vest, scarlet pantaloons, and short riding-boots. The Princess Dona Maria, of the royal house of Braganza, is a young lady of 19 years of age, with fair golden locks, beautiful deep blue, almost violet eyes, a slightly curved delicate nose, and a dazzling fair complexion, as yet unburnished by the burning sun of Spain. When in repose her countenance has an air of extreme dignity, almost of hauteur; but when engaged in conversation her whole expression softens; and when, ever and anon, breaking into a sunny smile, she becomes irresistibly attractive. Her voice is sweet and melodious, exercising an intoxicating charm upon the listener. She is personally very energetic and high-minded, and has invariably given proofs of great courage in very critical and trying moments. By the soldiers she is much esteemed and respected for her kind heart and the sympathy she has on many occasions manifested towards them. She is naturally enthusiastically devoted to the cause of Don Carlos, to promote the success of which she has now for months participated in all the fatigues and dangers of the campaign, bearing the greatest hardships with c

MONEY AND COMMERCE

MONETARY.

MONDAY EVENING, Aug. 11.

The only feature of the market to-day is that exchange is working even closer than it was last week. Rates between banks were 50@70c premium per $1,000, and most of them refused to sell at that. We hear to-day that some parcels of currency were shipped to New York late last week, and more must go forward unless the market breaks down, as it is believed by many it must soon do. Crops are heavy, and gold and wheat will soon be going forward in large quantities, furnishing, doubtless, with our other products, all the exchange our business circles may require.

In the general money market there is actually no change. The banks have an abundance of money, and would take as much paper as offers. Discounts nominal at 10 per cent, but some of the banks would be very glad to get first-class short business paper at a considerable reduction below the legal figure.

Street paper is not very abundant. The note-brokers are able to place about all good parcels at 1@2 per cent per month, with commissions. The usual average continues at about 1@1½.

The New York *World* of Saturday reports the money market as follows:

The European market reports still higher prices for United States bonds to-day, especially for 1881s, which are 84¼@84½ in London, and 100 sah interest in Frankfort, the highest quotation yet made in the latter city. The London *Economist* is doubtless correct in noting the exceptional favor accorded to United States bonds. So many other governments borrow in Europe only to pay interest on old loans, that at length the one borrowing Government which diminishes its debts begins to receive the attention commercially due to it.

In our market to-day gold was 1-16 lower, and decidedly heavier to carry. The stock market was firmer in tone; Erie made some recovery, apparently on the general temper here rather than on London advices, and Pacific Mail was conspicuously active, with an advance of about 1 per cent. But the most important feature of the day was the greater pressure for money on the part of the gold clique. On their gold they had to pay from 3½ to 4 per cent, and in the general money market it was their demand which caused an advance from 6 to 4 and 5 per cent. There is no longer any doubt as to the common opinion of the street as to the gold clique. It seems as if every one not in the pay of the clique now believes that the corner in gold and corner the autumn money market is not only a failure, but actually in liquidation. To complete it is a work which is now generally thought to be impossible, without the failure of the principal parties to the conspiracy. But it has to be closed up, and at their expense, before New York can enter upon the busy season with any hope of doing justice to the requirements of the country. It is to be hoped that operations are as correct as we think them; in that case we shall soon see the last of this organized warfare upon legitimate trade, and be set liberty to pursue regular business under ordinary conditions. The complete bankruptcy of the remnant of the Fisk-Gould party is essential to sound business in this city and country; and we judge it to be among the fruits of this autumn.

The Boston *Journal of Commerce* of the 9th gives a hopeful view of trade and money matters in that city. It says:

The money market is still well supplied, with more activity, and perhaps may be quoted one-half per cent higher this week. While some gilt-edges, of the best class of that kind, can be quoted 7 per cent, first-class mercantile paper may be quoted 7½ to 8½, with some very good paper about 9 even. The plethora of funds in New York continues, and as low as 2½ per cent has been accepted on call loans. Some banks report a very good demand for money in this city, and the plethora of small bills is somewhat abated. New York funds are quoted about even. The prospects are of a little increase in rates, with a healthy demand and fair supply. The great stringency anticipated this fall has led to extensive preparations and great caution in purchasing of goods, so that it is hoped any serious pressure will be averted. Large crops of all kinds are coming in, and require great sums to move them; and this important market has come up to larger figures than ever before. The feeling in trade circles is cheerful and encouraging, and evidences of it to-day in the amount of money that exist out the actual cash in the banks more than most people would suspect. The currency balance in the Treasury is $9,111,747, and will probably be increased largely this month by the sales of gold.

LOCAL PRICES.

The local market is quoted by Lunt, Preston & Kean as follows:

	Buying.	*Selling.*
6-20s of '62	117¼	117¾
6-20s of '64	117¾	118¼
6-20s of '65	119¼	119¾
6-20s of '65, Jan. and July	117¾	117¾
6-20s of '67, Jan. and July	119¼	119¾
6-20s of '68, Jan. and July	118¾	118¾
10-40s	115¼	115¾
U. S. 5s (new issue)	114¾	114¾
Gold (full weight)	114¾	115¾
Gold Coupons	115	115¾
Gold Exchange		115¾
Sterling Exchange	109¾@109¾	
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s	100	& int.
Chicago City 7s	100	& int.
Cook County 7s	100	& int.
Illinois County and Township 10s		95@98

BOSTON REAL ESTATE MARKET.

The Boston *Journal of Commerce* says:

During the past week several very extensive sales of real estate have been effected in the market, not only of suburban property, but also of estates within the city limits. This increasing demand gives quite a healthy tone to the market, and, in consequence, holders are firm, and not disposed to make concessions to stimulate activity. One of the most important sales that has occurred during the season was the purchase by the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York of the estate corner of Milk and Pearl streets, formerly known as the Pearl Street House Estate." It covers an area of 9,738 square feet, and was sold by John G. Cushing to the above Company for $218,168.76. The same Company also purchased of Robert Lawrence at the three lots of land on Pearl street, paying therefor $150,000. These figures indicate an enormous increase in valuation in that locality within the past few years. There were several other important sales, among which was an estate on Washington street, 68x70 feet, which was sold for $70,000. In many of the surrounding towns a like activity has prevailed, and considering the present dullness reigning in almost all branches of business, the real estate market presents a very encouraging outlook, and gives promise of greater activity in the near future.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

The *Missouri Republican* has an article on American railways in Mexico. We quote:

We recently gave a synopsis of the memorial on the subject of the Mexican International Railway, addressed by Mr. E. L. Plumb to the Mexican Government. That gentleman, who was formerly Charge d'Affaires from the United States to Mexico, was recently at Washington City, and stated to his friends there that there is no doubt the Mexican Congress will ratify the contract made by the Presidents of Mexico and himself, granting certain franchises to the International Railway Company, which will be the means of constructing the road and opening communication between the United States and the City of Mexico, and between the interior towns of Mexico and this country, the entire distance being 1,000 miles. Plumb's is to be a broad-gauge road, and is to connect the Capital of Mexico with Lagos and Manzan, on the Pacific coast, with the United States at about Laredo, on the Rio Grande, the probable terminus of the Texas International, which connects at Fulton with the Cairo & Fulton Road and other tributary to St. Louis. The Government of Mexico grants Plumb's road a subvention of $9,500 for each kilometer (3,281 English feet) of road it shall build, an extra premium of $100,000 for every the road shall build in ten years, and many other advantages. Gen. Rosecrans is also at the head of a company of American capitalists for the construction of narrow-gauge railroads running from the City of Mexico to Tuxpan, and connecting with a perfected system of branches, to build which he also received concessions from the Mexican Government, the subsidy being equivalent to $12,000 per mile. Two million dollars were subscribed in the United States towards Rosecrans's roads, having confidence in the General's knowledge of the subject when he represents that neglected field of enterprise. He has seen the great wealth of Mexico idle or misused; he has seen its people unaided and unknowing the stimulus of capital and the opportunities of industry which capital affords. He expects its regeneration by means of our enterprise. Mexico believed in the General also, and gave him a most valuable concession. The present able President of Mexico, Lerdo Tejada, announced himself when inaugurated, in December last, as in favor of such works, and American enterprise has been on the alert ever since for the realization of an opportunity for profitable speculation in railroad building in that country, and the people and press have devoted much thought to the two enterprises of Plumb and Rosecrans, being about equally divided upon these somewhat rival schemes. Sometimes the one, and again the other, has been considered to have the advantage. It was reported some time since that the Rosecrans Company would have to give security according to concession, or keep the privilege from expiring. Whether this was done or not is not stated. St. Louis interests, such as she may have, are in favor of Plumb's International.

CENTRAL IOWA RAILWAY.

We quote the following article from the Muscatine *Journal*:

The stockholders of the Central Railroad Company of Iowa, held their annual meeting for the election of Directors on last Monday, resulting as follows, the election being unanimous: Horace Abbot, Baltimore; John S. Gilmore, Baltimore; Thomas H. Kane, Baltimore; H. C. Fahnstock, New York; Isaac Hyde, New York; A. L. Hatch, New York; F. M. Sheffield, Dubuque; W. H. Sowers, Galatzan; J. Grinnell, Muscatine; R. Pickering, Muscatine. Thomas M. Cain, Boston. Doubtless Mr. Cain will be retained as President, and Mr. Pickering as Superintendent, and certainly no better-working or more economical men could be selected.

We understand that the work of funding the floating indebtedness, some $600,000, and the coupon (interest bonds) on the first mortgage bonds, is prospering. Some time since it was voted to issue $1,000 of preferred stock to be used in retiring the second mortgage bonds, fund the floating indebtedness and pay interest on the bonded indebtedness for two years, giving the Company the benefit of the preferred stock and the earnings of the road two years, to properly equip it and make the extensions essential to its future profits. We believe it is now thought that all this is ready of realization, and if so, the Company can put the work vigorously and secure its future prosperity, for as we have repeatedly stated, it will then, and would even now, if its extensions were completed, be abundantly able to pay running expenses and interest on its bonds. In proof that our previous estimate that the earnings of the road would amount to over a million annually, with either its northern or southern wanting annually, with either its northern or southern wanting completed, we quote the earnings of the road for the last week in July, probably one of the poorest weeks for business in the year, being right in the heart of the harvest season. The freight earnings alone were $14,238.77; passenger receipts, $2,709.30. Express and mail, $1,550, making a total of $19,298.00. At this small $1,550, making a total of $19,298.00. At this small $1,550, making a total of $19,298.00. At this small

THE LAW COURTS.

The Board of Trade Temporarily Enjoined from Suspending a Member.

Trespass by an Alleged Bogus Constable--The Tice Meter Case.

Bankruptcy Matters--The Courts in Brief--New Suits.

Nathaniel K. Fairbank, lard oil manufacturer, yesterday obtained a temporary injunction restraining W. K. Sweet and T. Cronch from removing an ice-house from where it has been hitherto located to a lot opposite their manufactory, and restraining its remaining there if so moved. Complainant states that he has expended $10,000 in the improvement of the lot and erection of the establishment, which is situated at the corner of Nineteenth and Blackwell streets, and a further sum of $200,000 for machinery, material, etc., and that the property is inside the fire limits; that the removal of said ice-house to said limits, and separated only by the width of the street from his buildings, will vastly increase the risk of insurance, by which he will sustain heavy damage; that he is informed defendants are using said ice-house as a barn; that it is the very indication of intending to stop there. Therefore, they pray relief as aforesaid, and obtained a temporary injunction.

TRESPASS BY AN ALLEGED BOGUS CONSTABLE.

The bogus Constable question has come up in another form in the Circuit Court in Edward Thompson, grocer, 810 Cottage Grove avenue, v. Franz Holson and P. H. Dwyer, for capias. Plaintiff affirms that Holson sued him for a pretended debt, and got an attachment out against him, which Dwyer, who claims to be a Constable, but plaintiff says, is not one of the sort constituted, levied the same on plaintiff's goods. Dwyer is also said to have been drunk at the time, and so boisterous as to attract the neighborhood around the plaintiff's premises. Plaintiff finally had the attachment dissolved, giving good bonds for the alleged debt, and went to Dwyer for his goods, but was met by a refusal. He brings suit for trespass, $5,000 damages, and has obtained a capias as prayed.

THE LEVI HAYES SUIT.

The suit commenced by Levi Hayes, on Saturday, against his broker and others, arising out of the late wheat corner, was yesterday followed by a bill in chancery against the same parties, and the officers and Directors of the Board of Trade, to restrain the former proceeding against him, and the latter from bringing charges with a view to his suspension as a member of the Board of Trade. A temporary injunction was granted.

THE TICE METER CASES.

In the Tice meter cases, Judge Blodgett yesterday decided the motion to rescind the order by which the cases were reinstated, overruling said motion, and directing defendant, Enoch Emory, to pay into Court the amounts separately stated. In special pleas written to every count, denying the further order of Court, he puts plaintiff to the proof of the Court to reply to the plea, which motion the Court overruled.

THE WIDENING OF FORTY-SECOND STREET.

Yesterday the village of Hyde Park filed the usual formal petition for the ascertainment of damages to private property, to be taken for the widening of Forty-second street between Cottage Grove avenue and open parkway.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of Valentine Giehl a reference was ordered to Hibbard, Register, to take proof as to exempted property upon report of Assignee, and exceptions were entered.

Report of sale by the Assignee of the estate of John E. Petitbone et al. was yesterday confirmed, subject to objections by Monday morning next.

Leave was given the Provisional Assignee to sell the stock, team of horses, buggy, harness, etc., of Michael & Goldstein, at 326 South Clark street, by private sale, and to settle accounts and claims until the appointment of an Assignee.

Discharges were entered in the matter of the partners doing business as Becker, Underwood & Co.

Order for examination of the bankrupts and their employes under Sec. 26 was made in the matter of Isaac M. Michael et al.

An order for $329.50 attorney's fees, etc., was made in the matter of L. Phillips et al.

The claim of James E. Hill against the joint estate of S. D. Smith and J. S. Flagg was yesterday allowed on the proof taken for $920.68.

IN THE CHANCERY COURTS.

In the chancery case of Susan C. Warren v. Alvin N. Lancaster, motion for injunction was allowed, and injunction was ordered to issue.

In the Minn. Norton & Scott estate, an order was made directing the sale by auction of the real estate belonging to the assets on the 5th of September next.

H. A. Von Glahn yesterday filed a petition to restore judgment of $1,849.95 against John H. and Magdalena Beane.

John R. Wilson, contractor, yesterday petitioned the Superior Court for mechanic's lien on the building Main erected by the Prairie State Loan and Trust Company, on the corner of Desplaines and Washington streets. The contract price was $71,979, and the defendant paid plaintiff $20,00. He alleges that he also did extra work, for which no pay has been received.

Johanah Ephraim yesterday commenced suit in the Circuit Court, in case, $10,000 damages, against Herman Uber.

John Hoffman yesterday commenced suit for compelling specific performance of contract to sell to him lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 1, Sherman's subdivision of E. ½ of the W. ½ of the S. E. ¼ of Sec. 28, 39, 14, being the N. E. corner of Shurtleff avenue and Thirty-first street, against Daniel Rowan, and to restrain his prosecuting any other contracts for the sale of said property.

NEW SUITS.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.—9,004—Edward D. Thompson v. Francis Hotson and P. H. Dwyer; affidavit for capias. 9,005—Suppressed. 9,006—John M. Durand, Jr., v. C. Durand, Sr., and Calvin Durand v. M. T. Buck. 9,007—Assumpsit, $200. 9,008—Assumpsit, $200. 9,009—Assumpsit; distraint for rent of No. 39 South Canal street. 9,010—Appeal. 9,011—John Haase v. 9,012—John Haase v. John Wiskerchen and Sophia Wittenborn; confession, $3,000. 9,013—Withheld. 9,014—Johanah Ephraim v. Herman Uber; case, $10,000. 9,015—Appeal. 9,016—Albert C. Alford v. Albert M. Stone; trespass, $200. 9,017, 18, 19, 20 and 9,021—Appeals. 9,022—John Hoffman v. Daniel Rowan; specific performance of contract to prevent sale of part of Lots 35, 36, 39, 40, and 45, in Block 1, in Sherman's Subdivision of S. ½ of the W. ½ of the S. E. ¼ of Sec. 28, 39, 14, on the corner of Shurtleff avenue and Thirty-first street.

THE SUPREME COURT.—44,580—Nathaniel K. Fairbank v. W. H. Swett and F. Crouch; injunction to restrain their moving a wooden house on Lot 4, Block 2, Canal Trustees' Subdivision, in Sections 21, 28, 33, 34, 4 & 39, and 3, 10, 15, 22, Petition of the Town of Hyde Park for jury to ascertain damages for opening Forty-second street, between Cottage Grove avenue and Owen Parkway. 44,583—John B. Wilson v. Prairie State Loan and Trust Company; petition to mechanic's lien. 44,584—H. A. Von Glahn v. Magdalena Beane and John H. Beane; petition to restore judgment of $1,849.95. 44,585—Charlotte Ketz v. ——; petition for mechanic's lien. 44,586, 7, 8, and 9—Appeals. 44,590—Fried A. White v. Julius R. Rowell et al.; affidavit to garnishee. 44,591—Thomas McCormick, Benjamin R. Sheldon, and W. W. Hodgins for $1,000.00.

SOUTH EVANSTON.

The ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new Methodist Episcopal church at this place drew together a large concourse of people on Saturday last. Dr. Miner Raymond, of the Garrett Biblical Institute, conducted the exercises, assisted by President Charles H. Fowler, D. D., of the Northwestern University. In the corner-stone were deposited the history of the church, with the names of its members; minutes of the Quarterly Conference, minutes of the Board of Trustees, the Methodist Discipline, *Northern Christian Advocate*, catalogue of the Biblical Institute, and of the Ladies' and Evanston *Index*.

The Post has made an appeal to the pockets of its readers, which was successful to the amount of $2,262.90, which, with the amount already subscribed, makes nearly $5,000. The church is to be completed by the 1st of November, and will cost $12,000.

The La Crosse Bridge Imbroglio.

From the La Crosse Democrat, Aug. 8.

From the best reliable authority that the Milwaukee Railroad Company will put on a large force on Monday next, on the Minnesota side of the river to work on the unlawful bridge. A large lot of tools arrived to-day, and the stone is to be worked just above the ferry landing.

It is will be seen that the St. Paul Railway Company intends to defy the Government, and will bridge where it will kill the steamboat interest and the lumbering interests of the Upper Mississippi and its tributaries.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—GOOD LOTS ON THE FOLLOWING roads: State, Burnside, Butterfield, Ashland, Paulina, Robey, Western, Ogden, Halsted, Union, Wood, Lincoln, Fullerton, Summit, Wentworth, Vernon, Warren, Jefferson, Kinzie, Fulton, Randolph, Madison, Monroe, Adams, Jackson, Van Buren, Harrison, Polk, Taylor, Twelfth, Thirty-first, Thirty-third, Forty-third, Fifty-first, Fifty-fifth, Sixty-third, Sixty-ninth, Seventy-fifth, Seventy-seventh, Eighty-first, Eighty-third, Eighty-fifth, Eighty-seventh, Eighty-ninth, Ninety-first, Ninety-third, Ninety-fifth, Ninety-seventh, Ninety-ninth, Hoyne, Leavitt, Oakley, Robey, Wood, Hermitage, Ashland, Lincoln, Halsted, Green, Peoria, Jefferson, Canal, Clinton, Desplaines, Wolcott

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Work to Be Done by the State Board of Equalization.

Returns from Nineteen Counties Yet to Be Received.

A Railroad Car Burned While in Motion by Incendiaries.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 11.—The State Board of Equalization meets here to-morrow, five members of which have already arrived. The others, it is expected, will arrive in the morning, and although there are a number of counties—eighteen in all—that have not forwarded their assessment returns, the Secretary of the Board, Mr. William Stadden, is of the opinion that the Board will not adjourn, but will at once proceed to the consideration of railroad property, the duty of assessing which is now devolved by law upon them. The settlement of this momentous question will occupy them some days, and can be discussed and settled without reference to the returns which are still out. No railroad lobby has as yet put in an appearance, yet it will be strange if one does not. The Board meets in the hall of the House of Representatives, at 10 o'clock in the morning, and will, doubtless, organize by the election of Gen. Charles E. Lippincott, Auditor, ex-officio member of the Board, as Chairman, as he has filled that position at each session of the Board since his election as Auditor. They cannot dispense with the services of Mr. Stadden as Secretary, and he will therefore be retained. Mr. Stadden has, to say the least, performed satisfactorily the mechanical work of the State Board for years. The equalized assessed value of property of the State last year was $360,676,811. This year it will not fall short of $1,500,000,000, and this, too, notwithstanding a number of counties are assessed lower that last year. The assessed value of all the railroad property of the State was $25,576,000.42. It is safe to say that this will be multiplied at least six times. Macoupin County will have a lobby here to prevent the Board from raising the assessment of that county. It is assessed at a little over $5,000,000, and Sangamon at $33,000,000. It will doubtless be raised sharply. The counties not yet reported are Alexander, Cook, Edgar, Fayette, Ford, Fulton, Jefferson, Jersey, Macon, Mason, Menard, Mercer, Monroe, Pike, Pulaski, Rock Island, Vermillion, Williamson.

An excursion train on the G. C. & S. R. R. was returning last night from the Barclay camp-meeting ground, at Gilman, just before the arrival of the train at Chestnut, the rear coach was discovered to be on fire, the flames breaking out through the water-closet, in which the fire was started. The conductor, Mr. Souther, attempted to pull the rope, but the rope had been cut. He rushed the passengers forward into another coach, and then started forward through the cars to signal the engineer to stop the train, but found the doors flocked. He, however, climbed over the top of the cars and succeeded in stopping the train and cutting the car loose before the fire had reached the next car forward. Whatever the design of the fiend who set the fire was, it was defeated. It was supposed that pockets were to be picked, but there was no confusion and the design failed. The coach was a new one of fine build, and was a total loss. In consequence of trains running on this road Sundays, to accommodate the people who wanted to attend the camp-meeting, the managers refused to hold services, as they would not directly aid in desecrating the Sabbath. There was about 10,000 people on the ground, but nothing was done.

COL. R. P. MORGAN.

Reply to Certain Strictures of a Chicago Paper Upon His Acceptance of a Nomination from the Anti-Monopolists.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Aug. 11.—Col. R. P. Morgan to-day publishes a letter to an obscure Chicago paper, in reply to its severe strictures upon his acceptance of the nomination of the anti-monopolists for County Treasurer, in which he corrects some of the gross errors upon which the sheet in question bases its remarks. In reply to the statement that Col. Morgan hesitated four days, and then went down, he replies:

I did not hesitate a moment, but accepted it verbally at once. The nomination was made quite late in the afternoon of Friday, Aug. 1. I waited Saturday for a formal notice of my nomination, which was not received, in consequence of the sudden illness of the Secretary of the Convention. This I learned on Monday morning, the 4th inst., and at once accepted the nomination on informal notice, so that it should be done before the Republican Convention assembled.

In reply to the Chicago paper's assertion that "Now he falls into the arms of the men whom he alleged then sought his overthrow, because they desired to prevent the faithful execution of the law," Col. Morgan says:

This statement is entirely erroneous. I knew, and still know, some men who worked against my reappointment on the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, and necessarily the defeat of the friendly and earnest efforts of the people in my behalf, but, unfortunately for your statement, the men really responsible for my defeat were of the Republican party. The convention which honored me was comprised of citizens of McLean County, highly respectable citizens and farmers, representing all shades of political bias, though mainly Republican.

The paper in question has said that Col. Morgan once declared that the strength and efficiency of the farmers' movement depended upon its singleness of purpose, and upon its abstinence from political affiliation, and he replies:

I have for several years believed it impossible to obtain adequate relief for the evils produced by the monopolies of the country through the action of existing political parties. Doubtless your impression was obtained from the fact that I aided Senator Strong in drawing one of the first bills for the establishing a Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, and used every effort to secure the adoption of section of the law providing that the Commissioners should be removed for cause only. It was hoped thus to free them from the political influences which I believed would seriously impair the usefulness of the Board.

He concludes as follows:

I can only answer by saying, though unsought by me, I regard the office the nomination for which has been tendered me as an honorable one, and of high trust, whatever else I may have lost, as you predict, I anticipate being permitted to express my opinions, and shall study to do so without such disrespect to the opinions of others as you exhibit. Your sneers and insinuations in respect to myself are alike unjust and unealled for.

NEW YORK.

(To the Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—In a fit of jealousy last evening, in Brooklyn, William Anderson, aged 31, stabbed his intended wife, Ann Cunningham, aged 18 years, seven times, and then stabbed himself three times. The girl, it is thought, is fatally wounded.

Michael Savage, an old man, fell from the steps of his residence, in Brooklyn, last evening, and was fatally injured. His wife was so affected by the occurrence that she died in a short time.

In the cigar-manufactory of Steinhart Brothers & Schonlank, 566 Vesey street, this morning, Ephraim Steinhart, a brother of one of the proprietors, while standing behind Samuel Schonlank, shot him, and then swallowed the contents of a bottle of poison, and shot himself. Steinhardt came from Chicago a few weeks ago, and was learning the cigar business. The only reason Schonlank gives for the shooting is, that he told Steinhardt to keep away from his employes, and had discharged him on Friday last. Schonlank has a wife and seven children living. Steinhardt is young and unmarried. Schonlank is in fair way of recovery, but Steinhardt still continues very low. There is no apparent reason in the relations of the two men for either the murder or the suicide. One man cannot, and the other will not, tell anything beyond the bare statement that there are "family matters" in the case.

A motion was made before Judge Neilson, of Brooklyn, to-day, to enjoin the Trustees of Evergreen Cemetery from exercising any further control over the grounds, and that a Receiver be appointed to take the custody of the property. Lot-owners make affidavits that the grounds are being desecrated by the cutting down of trees in private burial plots, and that sheep and cattle have been allowed to pasture on the premises. The damage the Excise Board done is estimated at their examination of nearly the whole charge. Liquor-dealers in the First, Second and Fourth Wards. No licenses have been issued. Completed grocers, or proprietors of saloons third women are employed as waitresses. Under no circumstances will a license be granted a proprietor of a concert-saloon.

MADISON.

The Beer-Sellers Conclude to Obey the Law—The German Sunday Committee Take Notes of Other Violations.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 11.—On sober second thought, the Germans of the Constitutional Union here engaged in saloon-keeping, concluded not to maintain the attitude of law-violators foreshadowed Saturday and yesterday morning. To the surprise of many, notably the writer of the communication to Acting-Mayor Chapman in behalf of said Union, whereof the essence has been sent you, the saloons and breweries in the city were almost all closed, and the sale of liquor suspended during the day. Only one complaint for selling has been made, viz.: at Bartel's beer-garden, in the north part of the city, where the sale was open during the day.

The Union's Sunday Law Committee of 20 were busy spying about the city to detect violations of the Sunday law by those engaged in other avocations than liquor-selling, and though the Sabbath was better observed than for many years, it is said they have some fifty cases of violation to report, complaints of which to the prosecuting office will depend on the prosecution by liquor-sellers. The quiet and good order of the city yesterday could hardly have been surpassed in New England.

Frank Snits, complained of for selling a week ago Sunday, was tried to-day and acquitted, the prosecution failing to prove the sale of liquor, and the complaint not including gift, which was illegal and proved.

THE GRANGES NOT POLITICAL.

Minnesota Granges Forbidden to Take Any Part in Political Movements.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 11.—Grand Master Parsons, head of the Patrons of this State, calls upon the Granges which have selected delegates to the Owatonna and other political conventions to withdraw their appointments. He claims that the Granges are prohibited by the rules of the Order from engaging in politics, but individual Patrons, county councils, and farmers' meetings may act as they please. Dakato, Rice, Fillmore, Mower, and other counties are already providing for full delegations at Owatonna. The plan proposed in Dakato, and being adopted in other counties, is for the Granges to call public town meetings to select delegates, with which plan Parsons' protest does not conflict.

DETROIT.

A Man Poisons His Mother-in-Law—Her Property the Motive.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 11.—An Owasso special of to-day states that a Mrs. Wertumbery, living about three miles northwest of this city, died last night very suddenly. She was taken with vomiting, and a cat, coming into the room, ate some of the contents of her stomach, which she had smitted, and died in a few minutes. A dog also died from eating a piece of bread of which she had partaken. Charles Moore, a son-in-law of the deceased, and his wife, have been taken into custody. Mrs. Moore says that some time since her husband brought home some white powder labeled poison, and told her that, if she would not say anything, he would tell her what he was going to do with it. She promised, and he then informed her that he was going to give it to the old lady. The deceased's property is supposed to have been the motive. Moore has confessed the murder and exculpates his wife.

WEATHER AND WATER.

War Department Weather Report.

LOCAL OBSERVATION.
CHICAGO, Aug. 11, 1873.

Hour of observation.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Direction and force of wind.	Weather.
6:53 a. m.	30.02	75 84	Calm.	Fair.
11:18 a. m.	30.02	77 65	N. E., fresh.	Fair.
2:00 p. m.	30.00	75 68	N. E., fresh.	Fair.
3:53 p. m.	29.98	75 72	N. E., fresh.	Fair.
6:20 p. m.	29.99	72 80	N. E., light.	Fair.
10:18 p. m.	29.99	72 80	Calm.	Fair.

Maximum thermometer, 77.
Minimum thermometer, 68.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.
CHICAGO, Aug. 11—10:18 p. m.

Station.	Bar.	Ther	Wind.	Rain	Weather.
Breckenr'dg	30.00	67	S. W., light.	.....	Fair.
Buffalo	29.93	70	N. W., fresh.	.02	Clear.
Cairo	29.99	83	Calm.	.....	Clear.
Cheyenne	30.16	77	S. E., light.	.....	Fair.
Chicago	29.99	72	Calm.	.....	Fair.
Cincinnati	30.01	76	N. E., fresh.	.05	Lt. rain.
Cleveland	29.94	79	S. E., fresh.	.....	Clear.
Davenport	29.97	77	N., fresh.	.....	Cloudy.
Denver	30.07	73	S., gentle.	.....	Clear.
Detroit	29.95	73	E., gentle.	.....	Fair.
Duluth	29.98	74	N. W., fresh.	.....	Clear.
Escanba	30.00	66	N., fresh.	.....	Cloudy.
Fort Garry	30.07	66	Calm.	.....	Fair.
Keokuk	29 98	83	N., light.	.....	Thrt'ning
LaCrosse	30.03	69	W., light.	.....	Fair.
Marquette	30.05	69	S. E., gentle.	.....	Fair.
Milwaukee	30.01	70	N. E., light.	.....	Fair.
Omaha	29.99	81	S. E., fresh.	.....	Fair.
Pembina	30.04	65	Calm.	.....	Clear.
St. Paul	29.97	66	W., light.	.....	Clear.
Toledo	29.94	68	S. E., gentle	.15	Fair.

PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—For the lower lakes and thence to West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky, low barometer, northeasterly and southeasterly winds, cloudy weather, and local rains. For the Eastern and Middle States, falling barometer, northeasterly and southeasterly winds, increasing cloudiness, and rising temperature, with occasional rain in New York and New England. For the South Atlantic and Gulf States, lower barometer, southeasterly and southwesterly winds, partly cloudy and warmer weather, and local rains. For Tennessee and Missouri, and thence to Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa, low barometer, southwesterly to northwesterly winds, cloudy weather, and local storms. For the Northwest and upper lake region, northwesterly winds, cloudy weather, rising barometer, and occasional rain.

STAGE OF WATER.

Daily report of the stage of water, with changes in the 24 hours ending 3 p. m., Aug. 11, 1873:

	ABOVE LOW WATER.	CHANGES. Rise.	Fall.
Cairo	13 ft.	4 in.	1 in.
Cincinnati	10 ft.		11 in.
Davenport	8 ft.		1 in.
Fort Benton	1 ft.	7 in.	
Keokuk	3 ft.	8 in.	
Leavenworth	4 ft.	6 in.	1 in.
Louisville	5 ft.	9 in.	
Memphis	9 ft.	7 in.	1 in.
Nashville	3 ft.	6 in.	1 ft. 3 in.
*New Orleans	10 ft.	7 in.	
Omaha	7 ft.	6 in.	4 in.
Pittsburgh	4 ft.	6 in.	6 in.
Shreveport	12 ft.		1 in.
St. Louis	12 ft.		
St. Paul	4 ft.	7 in.	3 in.
Vicksburg	18 ft.	1 in.	
Yankton	8 ft.	10 in.	

*Below high water of 1871.

W. S. KAUFMAN, Observer,
Room 78 Major Block, Chicago.

Ocean Steamship News.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 11.—Steamships Nevada, City of Antwerp, Westphalia, Olympia, and Kong Sverre, from New York, and Prussian, from Montreal, have arrived out.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Arrived—Steamer Idaho, from Liverpool.

Fatal Street Assault.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 11.—Michael Gadelaka, or Godatzowiz, while walking along Main street, between Bates street and Cass avenue, late last night, was assaulted by three unknown men with stones, and so badly hurt that he died in a short time.

Decline in Petroleum.

TITUSVILLE, Pa., Aug. 11.—Market demoralized and lower. New strikes; sales at Oil City, $1.95; Titusville, $1.25.

Gone to Maine.

LONG BRANCH, Aug. 11.—The President left for Maine to-day.

The Vienna Exposition.

VIENNA, Aug. 11.—Many strangers are leaving Vienna, and the number of visitors to the Exposition decreases daily.

Grain Transportation.

YORKVILLE, Kendall Co., Aug. 11.—J. A. Godard, the grain dealer, sends forward six cars-loads of grain per day at the present time. The new railroad rates make the price 80 cents per car lower on grain from Yorkville to Chicago than rates heretofore. On most of the articles, however, the rate is about 20 per cent higher.

DES MOINES.

The Rankin Farm Mortgage to Be Foreclosed—Railroad Item.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 11.—The mortgage given by S. E. Rankin for $9,000 on the farm then owned by him, but now held by the State Agricultural College, will be foreclosed during the present week, if not settled. The mortgage was given just prior to the time of the College taking possession of Rankin's property.

The City Council to-night, by vote of 5 to 7, refused to appropriate $10,000 to grade East Fourth street, so as to enable the railroads to connect with other roads inside of the city limits.

JACKSONVILLE.

Stabbing Affray at a Camp-Meeting—Unsuccessful Suit to Recover a Donation.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Aug. 11.—Yesterday, at a camp-meeting near Waverly, in this county, two boys, named Bowyer and Rosch, quarreled, and finally Bowyer drew a knife and stabbed Rosch in three places, inflicting wounds which are believed to be mortal.

Some years since, Mrs. Eliza Ayers, of this city, donated to an association known as the Protestant Deaconesses the Berean College property, located here, for a female orphan asylum. The property is worth some $40,000. The asylum was established and is now in successful operation. Recently Mrs. Ayers for some reason instituted a suit to have the donation set aside and recover back the property, which would have broken up the Orphans' Home. The case was last week tried in the Circuit Court, and this morning Judge Epler rendered his decision, which was adverse to Mrs. Ayers, and fully confirms the title to the property in the Association of Deaconesses. The decision is a source of universal gratification to the people of Jacksonville, and friends of the Orphans' Home everywhere.

ST. LOUIS.

Suit to Recover Possession of Four Thousand Acres of Land—Railroad Track Torn Up.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 11.—Col. J. L. D. Morrison, of Illinois, and his wife, and his wife's Trustees entered suit to-day in the United States Court to eject William H. Benton, George E. Leighton, J. R. Shepleigh, and four other gentlemen from some 4,000 acres of land in St. Louis County claimed by plaintiff.

Some weeks since the City Council passed an ordinance requiring the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company to remove their track on Poplar, from the Seventh street depot to the levee, within a certain time. That time expired yesterday. As the Company did not comply with the ordinance, Acting Mayor Elong G. Smith and City Engineer Marilton, with a gang of laborers, tore up the rails in several places this evening. This action will probably be followed by a suit with the railroad company for damages, they claiming under their charter to lay and maintain the track on certain streets in the city.

CALIFORNIA.

Trial of the Chinese Conspirators in San Francisco—Murderer Captured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—The trial of the Chinese members of the Hip Tee Tong Society for conspiracy against Yet Sang was resumed by the jury to-day. Several witnesses corroborated Yet Sang's statement about the society's character, objects, and the manner in which he was treated by them.

William Nash, the murderer of Martin Gersbach, of Contra Costa County, was captured to-day at Battle Mountain. He offered no resistance.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—William M. Johnson was shot by one Curlin this morning, and died to-night. Curlin's daughter was in jail at the time the murder was committed.

PEORIA.

Preparations for the State Fair.

PEORIA, Ill., Aug. 11.—Over 2,000 excursionists went from here to Bloomington yesterday, to attend the Turner festival and picnic at that place.

The State Fair grounds are rapidly approaching completion. When finished, they will, without doubt, be the finest in the West. Ample accommodation will be made for the visitors. Four lines of steam and horse-cars connect with the grounds.

BOSTON.

The Coe Failure—Health of Vice-President Wilson.

BOSTON, Aug. 11.—The creditors of James A. Coe held a second meeting to-day. Claims proved, and allowed amount to $278,127.

Vice-President Wilson was in Boston to-day. His improved appearance indicates steady progress toward restored health.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

The Line Located to the Yellowstone River.

From the Minneapolis Tribune, Aug. 9.

A gentleman connected with the Northern Pacific Surveying Expedition, who left the same at the crossing of the Yellowstone River, furnishes us the following:

The line now being run by the Northern Pacific surveying party lies along the valley of the Yellowstone River, which valley is from three to five miles wide, giving a beautiful and easy route for a railroad. When the expedition reached the Yellowstone, the wagons were immediately crossed to allow the steamboat, which was under pay at the rate of $500 per day, to return to the mouth of Missouri River, and while this was being done, the engineers, with one battalion of infantry, proceeded with the location of the railroad line on the right bank of the Yellowstone, to Powder River, where it is designed that the road shall cross. Finding the wagon-road difficult on the left bank of the Yellowstone, from Powder River to Stanley's camp, it was deemed best that the engineers and their escort should return from Powder River and join the main column, and the whole, marching around to the north of the difficult ground, come in again to the Yellowstone a few miles above Powder River. This plan was adopted by Gen. Stanley, and it was while making this detour that the difficulties, referred to in the dispatch from Bismarck, were encountered.

While the Valley of the Yellowstone gives an easy railroad route, it is to be expected that the wagon-train of Gen. Stanley, which is composed of 231 six-mule wagons, will meet many difficulties before it reaches Pompey's Pillar, and very many after it leaves the Yellowstone for the Musselshell region, but it is believed that no engineering difficulties of a serious nature exist.

The line is now located to the Yellowstone River. The route is direct, the work light, and grades easy. The country through which it passes west of the Missouri is better than the Dakota Division on this side, is well watered and well timbered, and abounds in coal of an excellent quality, which can be mined at small cost.

Boss Tweed in Happy Retirement.

Greenwich (Conn.) Correspondence of the New York Tribune.

A brick walk brought me in front of the Tweed mansion, and I was informed at the gate that Mr. Tweed was not in at the time, but his family were in the house, and he was at home nearly every day. A sign was displayed on a tree forbidding strangers to enter the grounds. The grounds are magnificently laid out, and the residence is of a princely character. The art of the landscape gardener has been called into requisition, and there are smooth lawns, beds of flowers, clumps of foliage, and a miniature windmill, and statues all arranged in excellent taste and order. The house is of a handsome style of arch-lectured with Mansard roof and towers, and stands back some distance from the road. Here the Boss enjoys himself under the acquired vine and fig tree, and the protection of his counsel, is undisturbed by writs, and with his forced contributions from the City Treasury, is supplied with every luxury. He is growing much stouter, and is said to be in excellent health. From the tower of the Club-house, near by, a view for a long distance in every direction is obtained, and a watchman stationed there with a spy-glass could readily give the alarm of the approach of suspicious characters. There is no doubt that the Club-house has been many times a place of temporary concealment for the "Boss" and his fellow-conspirators when warrants have been issued for their arrest. A half dozen yachts float in front, and on the steamboat wharf a cannon is planted, whether for defense or for firing salutes is a matter of speculation.

AMUSEMENTS.

McVICKER'S THEATER.

The auspicious opening performances at McVicker's Theatre, and the correspondingly large audiences called out by them, were succeeded last evening by a house quite disproportioned in point of numbers to the merit of the drama upon the boards of this popular place of amusement. "The Romance of a Poor Young Man" is the somewhat awkward title of a play which possesses considerable merit, and would be found of interest to the lovers of the legitimate drama. The original piece, of which the play under consideration is a very clever adaptation, is French. Strange to say, it lacks the peculiar French flavor of ungodliness which debased appetites hunger after, substituting in place of very little plot and much immorality the rather unusual merits of ingenious construction and purity of intention. The attributes of uncleanness which have recently been shifted from the French to the English school are entirely wanting. Here we have a drama full of interest throughout, excellent in tone, and capable of leaving upon the audience an elevated mood. It is a phenomenon of French dramatic literature to those who are accustomed to judge the French stage from "Article 47" and kindred productions. It is the simple story of a young man of rank, whose failing fortunes place him at the mercy of circumstances. He accepts a position as steward in a wealthy family and falls in love with the heiress. She reciprocates his passion but conceals that fact from him, not daring to venture a preference for one of obscure origin and penniless future. His devotion is attested by heroic sacrifices, and the discovery of his real rank and fortune, of which he has been robbed by the parent of his idol, leads to a happy consummation of his wishes. The piece is full of strong dramatic situations, the delineation of characters is able and forcible, and the construction of the piece masterly. It is just such a drama as one would expect to find at McVicker's theatre before the arrival of the comic stars, and worthy the serious application of his company. In the role of *Manuel*, the hero of the piece, Mr. O'Neil displays to great advantage his ability in melodramatic parts. His is full of adventure and self-sacrifice. It is a daring and ambitious part, and adapted especially to his peculiar method. Mr. O'Neil makes love enchantingly, and if anything can be regarded as his specialty it is this. We have already noticed Mr. Floyd's ability in presenting upon the stage an easy, graceful gentleman, whether a fop or a beau. In the character of *M. De Beconnes*, Mr. Floyd appears as a gentleman of that gallant and exalted type peculiar to France. To be polite is a Frenchman's first consideration. To represent such a gentleman would be to most actors a serious and laborious task. To Mr. Floyd it is easy. Naturally graceful in his actions, he assumes the character of the polished man of the world with consummate ease. There is nothing forced or unnatural about him. Whether bowing to a lady or making explanations to a gentleman, Mr. Floyd is equally graceful, dignified, and easy. There is a finish about his acting which renders it more deplorable than ever that his stay in Chicago is so brief. Mr. Rainford as *Dr. Desmarets* makes up well, and acts throughout in keeping with the character. Mrs. Stoneall, always good, renders the part of *Madame Abrey* with excellent judgment. She is consistent and watchful not to lose a point, and adds greatly to the success of the performance. Mrs. Barry plays the part of *Marguerite*, the adored of the steward, and in several exacting situations exhibits a full appreciation of the character. If there is anything wanting in Mrs. Barry, it is force. She does not always appear to throw herself entirely into the part. This was noticeable several times in the part she played last evening. Mrs. Allen, as *Mlle. Heloisia*, acted with the same spirit and evident desire to please by good acting that has characterized her efforts since the reopening of the theatre. She is greatly indebted on her mettle and the stimulus of competition has been of wonderful service to her. She displayed a capacity quite surprising to those who have seen her only during last season. The remainder of the parts were fairly taken, none calling for especial mention.

HOOLEY'S THEATER.

It was the opening night at Hooley's Theatre last evening, and it seemed as if the whole city was keenly aware of that fact, for neither love nor money could have secured a seat after the curtain rose. The house was among those which the management check off on their diary as "crowded." It was not altogether to be wondered at. They had promised to bring out "Divorce" with scenic accessories and a strength of cast surpassing anything they had hitherto achieved. With a recollection of the excellent acting and superb mounting and dressing of plays at this theatre during the past season, it is not surprising that the lovers of genteel comedy gathered unanimously to decide for themselves whether Mr. Hooley could redeem his promises. If they did not leave the theatre with a verdict in the affirmative, they must have been of a very fastidious bent. Surely nothing more tasteful or elegant in the way of mounting has been seen in this city. The furniture, of which there were several sets, was entirely new. It was rich, elegant, and tasty. It was in no way open to the charge of vulgar ostentation. It was in perfect harmony with the dressing, and was consequently a triumph of scenic effect. "Divorce" is a comedy of refined society, witty, satirical, and pointed with a moral. While there is little or nothing of that washy sentiment described as "goody," there is equally little of latitude in morals. The lesson it points is wholesome, and is reached by a keen satire upon the prevailing folly of the age. So pure and delicate is it that many claim that it could never have originated from the pen of the author of "Under the Gaslight." It did, it, shows the versatility of that gentleman, and the possibilities of journalism. It is already passably familiar to our readers, and we will not worry them with a synopsis of it, for those who have seen it already will go again to criticise its performance under new and far more dazzling auspices; those who have not will prefer to follow out the plot for themselves. There is not very much plot, the merit of the piece consisting in the artful control of sentiment and incident displayed by the author. "Divorce" possessed an interest to the audience beyond the merits of the piece itself, because it was to introduce to them the new lights of Hooley's Theatre. It was admirably calculated to do this in the most favorable way, and the result was most whitening. Mr. Sullivan, one of the recent additions to the already strong company, made his bow to the audience in the role of *Alfred Adrianse*. He was received with a round of applause that must have done much to impress upon him the enthusiastic warmth of a Chicago audience. Being totally unprepared for such a reception, Mr. Sullivan was rendered very nervous and, though the feeling of strangeness wore off as the piece proceeded, he had not altogether divested himself of it when the curtain fell on the last act. In the part he played, however, he had a good opportunity to show that he had mastered the secret of being a gentleman on the stage. His voice was rather faint at first, and though he recovered self-possession gradually, scarcely succeeded in filling the auditoriums. His action was graceful, but occasionally rather melodramatic,—a failing he will probably have recovered from after a few performances. His appearance is very good indeed, and his dressing unexceptionable. He is ticketed as a through passenger to a high place in public estimation. Mr. Otis as *Capt. Lynde* scarcely came up to the anticipations entertained of his ability. He was somewhat stiff and formal throughout, but as he is a new arrival great allowance must be made. The taste displayed in a green neck-tie and green kid gloves is very questionable. Mr. Otis has an elegant dresser on the street, and should know better than to appear in so unusual a hue upon the stage. Mr. Norris, as *Rev. Harry Duncan*, actually dressed fashionably. He acted, too, far better than would have been expected. There always is a sort of clerical obtuseness about Mr. Norris, which in the part he played last evening was especially becoming. The appearance of the new comedian, Mr. C. B. Bishop, in the role of *Templeton Fitt*, a divorce shyster, was the signal for another outburst of applause. We have been accustomed to regard *Mr. Fitt* as a cadaverous, lanky, bony bird of prey, but the vulgar creature, as seen in Mr. Bishop, was exceedingly indicrous. His acting was without apparent effort, and yet he kept the house in a roar of laughter. There was less facial contortion and more grotesque humor in him than in the comedian that Hooley's has hitherto been gifted with. Mr. Bishop is already a favorite, and deserves that position. Miss Meak, after an absence of some months, reappeared in the role of *Female Tim Rych*, and represented the character admirably. She dressed in excellent taste, and exhibited a plentitude of wardrobe quite astonishing. But, above all, she acted with her usual conscientiousness and effect, leaving little to be desired. Miss Emma Cline as *Lu Tim Rych* was scarcely as successful, her voice being hard and unsympathetic, and her manner betraying her uneasiness. The part is one rather beyond her scope, and a severe tax upon her. However, a few performances will remedy some of these defects. Miss Doule as *Mrs. Tim Rych* could scarcely have dressed in better taste, but she evidently shrank from the responsibility of being mother to *Female Tim Rych*. In other words, she insisted on dressing twenty years younger than she should have done. She does not like criticism, but invariably courts it, when the exercise of her judgment would readily place her at a reasonable distance from it. The peculiar harshness of her voice was in a measure toned down, and will be suited to the theatre in time. It is a pity that she neglected these important points, for otherwise she appeared to good advantage. Life is very short, it is true, and ladies cling to the age of conquest while they can, even the best of them. But does not an actress sacrifice what should be her chief attraction, her art, to a very unworthy aim when she clings to her natural impulse? Miss Mollie Maeder as *Grace* was very pretty and charming though not profoundly artistic, and the other characters all more or less deserving of praise. As a whole, "Divorce" should be seen by everybody. Next week "The New Magdalen."

OPEN-AIR CONCERT.

The following programme will be played at the open-air concert to be given at Union Park this evening:

PART I.

1. Jubilee March.
2. Overture, "Poet and Peasant."
3. Cavatina and Chorus from "Il Guiramento."
4. Fantasie from "Norma."
5. Aria from "Stradella"—Solo for cornet.
6. Black-Cap Waltz.

PART II.

7. Overture, "Le Roi d'Yostot."
8. Nocturne, "Convent Bells."
9. Midsummer Night's Dream Waltz.
10. Polka.
11. Polka March.
12. Potpourri, National Airs.

THE INSTITUTE CONCERT.

The second concert of the National Normal Institute takes place this evening at the University Place Baptist Church under the direction of Carl Zerrahn. Several numbers will be given from Costa's "Eli," and a miscellaneous second part, including Barnaby's "Sweet and Low" and Schumann's beautiful "Gipsy Life."

LITERATURE.

Railroad-Stories.

ROMANCE AND HUMOR OF THE RAIL. A Book for Railway Men and Travelers, Representing Life on the Railway in Every Department of the Railway Service; with Sketches of Romance, and Numerous Anecdotes and Incidents. By STEPHEN B. SMITH. New York: G. W. Carleton & Co. 1873.

The work entitled above is what its name indicates,—a cyclopædia in brief of railroad-stories, grave and gay, humorous and romantic, both in prose and verse. The author and compiler—for the work bears a double character—is Mr. Stephen B. Smith, a nephew of "Extra Billy" Smith, of Virginia, formerly connected with the Southern press, and now quite well-known in Central Illinois as a journalist. Considering that the work was done in the scanty intervals which can be snatched from the pressing duties of newspaper-life, it has been done well. The stories are brief and to the point, some of them very humorous, and others very melancholy, with several romantic sketches sandwiched in between. The poems are of all descriptions,—four very rough rhymes of the road, which would delight an engineer in his cab, or fill up a pleasant hour of round-house reading, to some very choice bits of pathos and sentiment, which the first-class passenger will enjoy. Barring a few narratives of railroad accidents, and some rather pre-Raphaelite descriptions of victims who have suffered from these accidents, the book is well adapted to while away the tedious hours of travel. The passenger on the road, however, hardly likes to be reminded of running off the track, changing cars, collisions, and colliding with other trains, and will very naturally skip such unpleasant suggestions. From a literary point of view, there is little to be said. The author makes no pretensions in that respect, and, in fact, is rather compiler than author. His work has been mainly the collation of anecdotes, which he has edited with care and good taste, and his publisher has presented them in very attractive form, and made them still more attractive by illustrations which are remarkably good for this class of book. It will be mainly interesting to railroad-men; but, as we have said, the traveler also will find much that is very pleasant in it, appertaining to every department of the railroad. The volume is dedicated to the Hon. Francis Colton, late General Passenger Agent of the Union Pacific Railroad, and may be obtained of all booksellers.

Astronomical.

COMETS AND METEORS. By DANIEL KIRKWOOD, LL. D., of the Indiana University. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

This little volume, of only ninety-six pages, is a very interesting treatise on the phenomena of comets and meteors, giving a concise, yet comprehensive, view of their history, and of the great discoveries made within the past forty years. It is only within that short space of time that man has known anything definite of meteoric astronomy, and it is not yet 200 years since the true place of comets in the universe was more than suspected. Hence this branch of the oldest of all the sciences is comparatively new, and Prof. Kirkwood has rendered a service to the world in presenting the main facts in relation thereto in readable form, with ample illustrations.

The book contains few faults among many excellencies; but one of the former is so grave that it should not pass unnoticed, especially as it is a mathematical error, perpetrated by a Professor of Mathematics. The author says, page 19: "A few cometary orbits are hyperbolas, more ellipses, and a still greater number parabolas." The fact is, we have the best of reason to believe that cases of parabolic motion among the comets are as rare as circular planetary orbits. The parabola is simply the limiting curve between the ellipse and the hyperbola; and its curve can only be described by a body which is moving with a velocity exactly equal to that which would be acquired in falling from an infinite distance towards the focus,—a condition against which the probabilities are almost overwhelming. The truth of the matter is simply this: There are many comets the eccentricities of whose orbits are so nearly equal to unity that they move in curves which differ but very little from the parabola in that small portion of time during which the comets are visible to us. It is usual to make the approximations to a cometary orbit of great eccentricity by regarding it as a parabola, simply because motion in the parabola can be calculated much more readily than in the greatly elongated ellipse, or in the hyperbola.

Swedish Romances.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Perhaps the highest province of novels is just beginning to be realized. When they are no longer regarded as the sweetmeats of literature, but the most solid, mental food, public respect for them will begin to rise, and one fitted for the calling of novelist will be regarded as one of the world's most exalted teachers. Everything can be conveyed through a novel,—philosophy, morality, the laws of right and wrong; but, as in life, it is by means of action and events, not by dull homilies and theoretical abstractions. Life does not drill us through sermonizing and inertia; it sends us a sharp-edged circumstance to spur us in the right direction. Therefore, novels are in accordance with natural methods, and genius is but another word for receptivity to nature. The best novel is the most direct transcript of nature, the most perfect resemblance to real life, in its inner as well as outward aspect; nothing is true which does not penetrate beneath the surface.

Judged by this standard, very few novelists can be accepted. That I regard Madame Schwartz worthy of a world-wide circulation is my sole reason in introducing her works in America. Both in motive and performance she is fully up to the highest requirements. With her, it is genius consecrating itself to a noble aim. As every good work succeeds, she has never failed to reach the heart of humanity.

That my part in the work might not be unworthy or defective, I have striven, in the interval since I published "Two Family Mothers," to bring to bear the most favorable circumstances and secure the most able co-operation. I think I have done so: at any rate I will make the experiment. My entire Scandinavian enterprise is transferred to Porter & Coates, of Philadelphia. They will bring out the seventh novel of the "Schwartz" series—"The Son of the Organ-Grinder"—the latter part of August; on a style worthy a standard author,—library form, 12mo, with a fine portrait of Madame Schwartz, and a sketch of her life and writings by Robert Byr, a noted German critic and novelist.

After I have fairly started the "Schwartz" novels again, I will devote myself to the historic romances of J. Topelius. These are a series of six, entitled "The Surgeon's Stories," comprising the history of Sweden and Finland from the time of their joint efforts against Catholicism in the "Thirty-Years' War." The last volume is during the reign of the brilliant and artistic monarch, Gustavus III. This work is regarded as the chef-d'œuvre of a man who stands unrivaled as a poet and a writer for children. As the highest praise is sometimes to say nothing, I will follow the custom of Europe in regard to Topelius, and simply concede his greatness.

"Northern Lights," my first juvenile will represent the children's literature of the North,—a branch in which the Scandinavian nations surpass all others. Porter & Coates will publish this, as all my other translations, and will make it very attractive in appearance. It is a rich collection from all the best writers, including Madame Schwartz and Z. Topelius, beautifully illustrated from Swedish designs. It will be published early in September.

MARIE A. BROWN.

THE GALLOWS.

Execution of Hardy Jones, a North Carolina Negro.

Newbern, N. C. (Aug. 8.) Correspondence of the New York Herald.

The terrible but speedy mode of executing condemned felons so